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To compile this material and to write the history of Love Memorial Baptist Church has required many hours of research and effort. I've learned that Church records are not always accessible nor have completely accurate and concise records been preserved through the years.

The church is fortunate to have the records that make this book possible and it is hoped that in the years to come that up-to-date records will be kept and added to this collection.

By adding historical events of interest on a yearly basis, it will keep the material up to date.

A collection of accurate records will be priceless in the years to come.

Thank you for letting me be your historian and compiling this history.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna L. Moore

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HISTORY
OF
LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

With affection and sincerity, it can be said that Love Memorial Baptist Church is the labor of one man's dream and vision that came true. That man was Robert S. Atkins, a dedicated Christian and member of Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

With the reopening of Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in 1956, there was a large influx of people into the greater Goldsboro area. The increase of population created a boom in building trade. Many new housing developments began to spring up around the city of Goldsboro. The Mar-Mac Hamlet development was one of several developments that came into existence, because of the great need to provide housing facilities for military families and those employed by new industries associated with a progressive community.

In 1960 some members of the Women's Missionary Union from Madison Avenue conducted a house to house survey of the Mar-Mac development. The results of the survey indicated a Baptist Church was more than six miles away. The members of the WMU reported their findings to the leadership of Madison Avenue. After giving the idea much consideration, Madison Avenue determined that it would be more feasible to sponsor a mission in the Belfast community, primarily, because Belfast had a place to meet. Thus Pineview Baptist Church was started.

No further effort was made to start a mission in the Mar-Mac area until 1962. For it was in 1962 that Bob Atkins was elected a deacon, in Madison Avenue Baptist Church. He was selected to serve on the Deacon's Mission Committee. Since he was a member of the Mission Committee, he was asked by a member of Madison Avenue to look over the Mar-Mac community to determine the need and the possibility of starting a Mission in this area.

As he rode through the new housing development, talking to people, finding out their spiritual needs, he remembered that Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "Truly the field is white unto harvest" (John 4:35). Bob Atkins said to himself surely

these people are God's children, and need a place to worship Him. He went to his pastor, Rev. Roy Beals, telling him of the great need of a mission in the Mar-Mac development. After much consideration the church leadership again regretfully decided that it was too expensive to attempt to start a mission, without even a building in which to meet.



Mr. Robert S. Atkins

However, as a member of the Mission Committee, he continued to dream of a place for the people to worship God in the Mar-Mac area. With deep concern he began to realize the difficulty, from a financial standpoint, of having to build a new church building in which to start a mission. This would create a great financial hardship on the sponsoring Church. It was then that Mr. Atkins came up with a very unique idea in starting Missions. It was such a new idea that it was published in the Baptist State Paper, the Biblical Recorder, March 14, 1964 under the title

"Practical Way To Begin Missions At Minimum Cost."

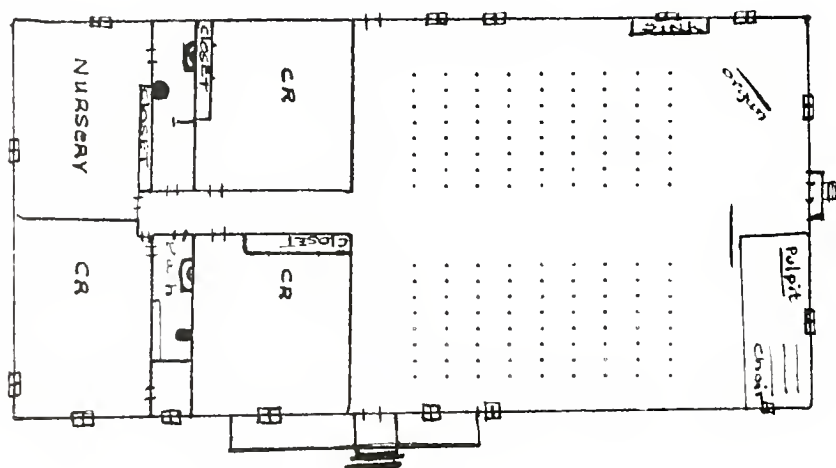
Bob Atkins had accepted the fact that lending institutions such as Banks and Building and Loan Associations were very reluctant to lend money to build a church building for a mission that is unorganized, untried and having no security. Yet, always looking for some way to get a mission in Mar-Mac, it was then that he came up with his unusual idea of starting a mission. He recognized that these institutions, though reluctant to provide money for a building, would lend money to build a new residence. For example, a loan could be secured to build a home with low monthly payments and financed over a 20 to 25 year period.

Mr. Raymond Bryan, President of the T. A. Loving Construction Company, stated that he would be willing to donate a building lot (100' x 200') in Mar-Mac if the people really wanted to build a place to worship. Mr. Atkins got plans for a four-bedroom residence. After the plans were approved by the Mission Committee, he began to take action. He started by getting figures on the cost of building such a house.

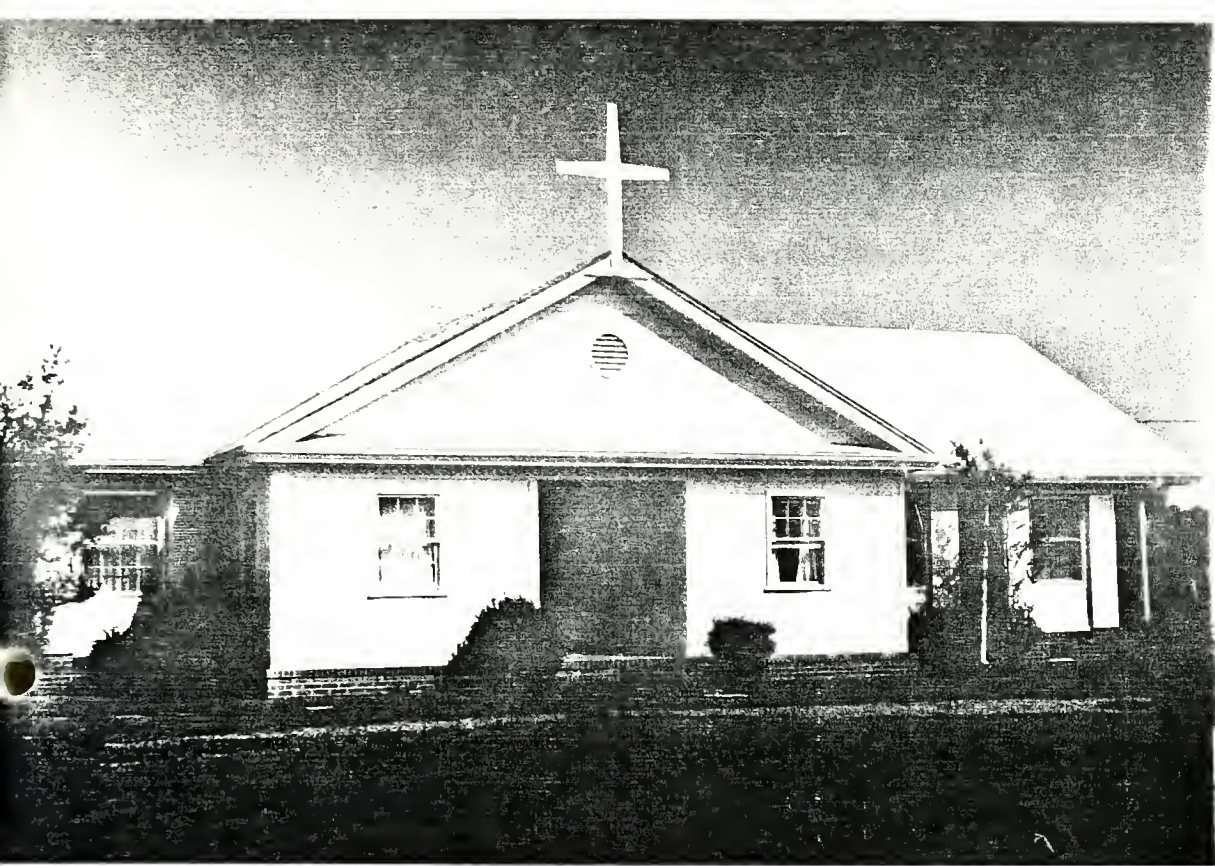
In the Spring of 1963, Mr. Atkins went to the Madison Avenue Board of Deacons with the plans and cost figures. The Board of Deacons okayed the plans. They agreed to put up \$1,000.00 and finance the remaining \$16,000.00 at \$125.00 per month. The Deacons included in their recommendation to Madison Avenue Church that Robert Atkins was to be in charge of the project. He contacted Mr. Powell Bland, an attorney and member of Madison Avenue who offered his services free of charge. A contract was drawn up with Houser Construction Company, to build the residence at the cost of labor. The American Savings and Loan Association agreed to finance the construction. All building supplies were obtained at a discount and built by Jack Houser.

On August 1, 1963, Bob Atkins' dream began to take shape, for on that day a building for the Mar-Mac Mission was started. At that time Mr. Atkins was working out of town, but each Monday morning, on his way to work, he would go by the construction site to check the progress, and his way home each Friday, he would again go by "his" building as a Mother would

watch over a child. The building was completed on October 29, 1963. As you can see Mr. Robert S. Atkins, a dedicated Christian and superintendent of Missions was a moving force behind the establishment of the Mar-Mac Mission and construction of the beautiful residence mission. This was a memorable day in the life of many christians and especially for Mr. Atkins. During the last week of October, 1963 Mr. Atkins again enlisted the help of the Women's Missionary Union in advertising the first service to be held at the new mission.



The structure cost \$16,800.00 including central heating and air conditioning. The four bedrooms were used for Sunday School Classes. There were 2 baths. Walls were left out of the kitchen, dining room - family room - living area and 150 people were seated in the 29' x 29' area. It would be a simple matter to add partitions when the residence is needed for a parsonage.



On Sunday, November 3, 1963, the first sermon was preached in the Mar-Mac Mission by Rev. Lowry I. Porter. There were 104 persons present. At the conclusion of the service, an invitation was extended to everyone who desired to help start and become a part of this Baptist Mission. The following persons came forward expressing this desire to join and organize the Mar-Mac Mission, therefore, becoming the first "Charter Members" of what was to become Love Memorial Baptist Church. They were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Batten	Mrs. Martha Batten
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Henson	Miss Amber Henson
Mrs. C. L. Howell	Miss Barbara Howell
Mrs. Fred Stenquist	Miss Sherri Porter
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Minchew	Miss Deloris Stenquist
Rev. and Mrs. Lowry Porter	Miss Pamela Porter
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lipscomb	

Rev. Lowry I. Porter, graduate of Southeastern Seminary and an ordained minister, assistant Director of the Goldsboro Industrial Center, living elsewhere in Goldsboro (did not need a parsonage at that time) became the first pastor. He was a "natural" as pastor of the Mission. By January 1964, the Mission had grown to 39 members, to an enrollment in Sunday School of 100. Already more classroom space was needed. A double garage was added costing \$1,800.00 and 4 more classrooms were available. Offering averaged about \$90.00 a week, considerable higher on a per capita basis than the Mother Church, according to Mr. Atkins. Average attendance at Prayer Meeting was 35, a good number for a church of any size in this day and age. Local leadership was stressed as much as possible. Only 11 of the 40 members came from Madison Avenue.

The Mission was strategically located in the middle of 7 housing developments. The cost to Madison Avenue was \$1,500.00 a year to make payments on the building for the Mission.

On December 18, 1963, the First Mission Conference of the Mar-Mac Baptist Mission was held. Mr. Atkins was instrumental in organizing a committee to speak on behalf of the Mission to Madison Avenue Baptist Church. The Committee elected Mrs. Wayne Phipps, as clerk and 5 people to serve on an Executive Committee of which 2 were from Madison Avenue. They performed the same duties as the Board of Deacons. The Executive Committee consisted of Cecil McLawhorn, Henry Henson, J. Ollie Minchew, Deward Heath and R. S. Atkins, who also worked on the Budget for 1964, and proposed a budget of \$7,500.00. Pledge cards were used to know what they would be operating on. The amount pledged was \$4,197.99. Mrs. C. L. Howell moved to give 10% of collections to the Church Co-operative Program. Mr. Atkins informed the church that the literature for the first 3 months of 1964 was paid for. The first 2 months of the Missions existence; \$795.00 was collected and \$275.00 was paid out for expenses. The 1963 year ended with a balance of \$500.00 in the treasure.

Ruth Howell was elected as Financial Secretary
Willard Spell - Sunday School Superintendent
Ann McLawhorn - Pianist
Henry Henson - Training Union Director
Floyd York - Choir Director
Mr. Eddie Sullenger - Sunday School Secretary
Mrs. Eddie Sullenger - Training Union Secretary

The Evening Worship Services were moved to Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

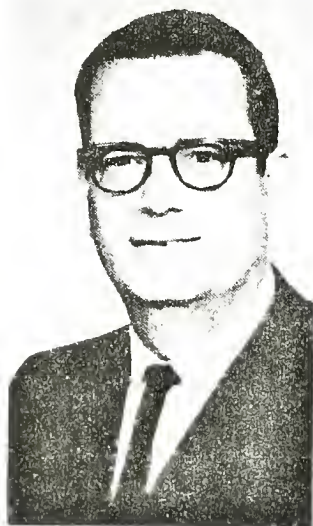
W. H. Batten prepared the Church parking area and in January 1964, two lights were installed. (renting at \$5.00 per month from the Power Company)

Rev. Lowry Porter, who served as pastor offered his services full-time, but as he felt it would be a financial burden for the Mission to support he and his family, handed in his resignation, April 19, 1964, effective May 1, 1964.

The Executive Committee (consisting of Henry Henson, R. S. Atkins, Deward Heath, Cecil McLawhorn and J. Ollie Minchew) were elected as the Pulpit Committee with Ollie Minchew, as chairman. It was voted and approved that the Mission use a student from the Seminary part-time.

Miss Amber Henson replaced Mrs. Wayne Phipps as clerk and these were elected: Joe Batten (Chairman of Ushers); Mary Batten (Training Union Secretary); Mrs. Guy Woodard (Nursery); and Barbara Howell (Nursery Assistant).

On June 7, 1964, Rev. Jessee Green was called to be the Supply Pastor. Rev. Green served until the Executive Committee secured Rev. Richard Bass, On October 11, 1964. A vote by the Church body to call Rev. Bass was 18 for and 3 against. He accepted the call (2/3 majority vote was needed to call a pastor). He was paid \$90.00 rent (month)
\$65.00 salary per week
\$400.00 Retirement (year)



HOMECOMING SPEAKER
— Rev. Richard Bass, former pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church, will be the guest preacher during homecoming services there Sunday. A graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Rev. Bass presently serves as pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Forest City. He is married and has three children. Following the morning worship service, dinner will be served in the Love Memorial Park, weather permitting.

Oct. 1, 1972

In October 1965, a suggestion box was placed in the Church for a collection of Church names and a list of 20 were proposed. They were presented to the March Business Meeting and narrowed down to 10. On March 13, 1965 another vote was taken and the names were narrowed down to 5. On still another meeting on March 20 the names were narrowed down to 3, and finally on March 27, 1965, the 3 proposed

receiving the most votes were passed out to select the final choice for the church. The 3 names were Riverview Baptist Church, Bryan Memorial and Love Memorial Baptist Church. The name selected was of-course Love Memorial Baptist Church.

The Pastor and Chairman of the Executive Committee selected a Building Committee and were given authority to seek property for a church to be built. Willard Spell was elected as Chairman of the Land Committee in search of property for a church site and a Building Fund Goal of \$1,500.00 was set for 1966.

Until this time there wasn't a Deacon Board (just an Executive Committee) so on March 6, 1966, the Executive Committee recommended 7 men to serve on the Deacon Board, which were Paul Williams, Ortho Tew, Don Akers, Willard Spell, Homer Edwards.

Qualifications of a deacon were given out by Rev. Richard Bass, which was to be used in obtaining deacons. These qualifications were as follows:

PART I QUALIFICATIONS

1. A deacon shall believe in the Divinely inspired authority of the Scriptures and shall use the Bible as his sole guide for conduct.
2. A deacon shall be husband of only one wife, that is, no deacon shall have been married to more than one living person or conversely a deacon's wife shall have not been married to another living individual.
3. No deacon shall sell or use alcoholic beverages or rent property to be used for the sale of such beverages.
4. A deacon shall be honest and just in his business dealings.
5. A deacon shall not curse, lie or tell vain stories, slander the character of his brethren, or be a tale bearer.
6. A deacon shall practice tithing in accordance with the scriptures.
7. A deacon shall refrain from any questional worldly amusements and from desecrating the Lord's Day.
8. A deacon shall maintain a Christian home and lead his family in their devotional life.

PART II

If elected to the Active Board of Deacons, I hereby covenant as follows:

1. To accept and discharge the responsibility assigned to me by my church to the best of my ability.
2. To be faithful in attendance to the services of my church including all services on the Lord's Day, prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, Revival meetings, and other meetings where I, as a church leader, should be present.
3. To attend all the regular and called meetings of the deacons, unless providentially hindered, and in such case, I will notify the chairman of the Board or the Pastor so every deacon may be accounted for in the meetings.
4. To be faithful as a witness to the power of Jesus Christ to save those who are lost.
5. To resign from the active Board of Deacons upon notifications of 3 unexcused absences from the deacons meeting.

Signed _____

Date _____

It was voted that a person be a member of our Church for at least six months before becoming eligible to serve as a deacon.

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1966 was \$11,135.00.

In June 1966, the Sunday School enrollment had grown to 134 with an average attendance of 116, having 61 visitors with an offering of \$828.23. Bill Gay was elected as the second Sunday School Superintendent in August 1966, and Willard Spell as Training Union Director.

On July 13, 1966, the Mission held its first Wednesday Business Conference. Prior to this time all of the Conferences were held Sunday Mornings following the Morning Worship Services in order to have more to attend. This time proved to be successful and it continued to be the policy to have Business Conferences on Wednesday nights.

Due to the rapid growth and the need for more Sunday School classrooms, the porch of the building was enclosed and two more classrooms were available. This was done at the cost of \$170.00 - \$200.00.

On October 16, 1966 (effective November 13, 1966) Rev. Richard Bass tendered his letter of resignation. A love offering of \$150.00 was given him, as he went to another calling. A Pulpit Committee was selected and recommended by the Board of Deacons. They were: Ruth Howell, Betty Jackson, W. D. Spell, Homer Edwards, and Bill Gay. The Pulpit Committee was also authorized to seek an Interim Pastor. The Church continued paying the rent on the house used by the pastor until a new pastor was obtained.

Rev. Tom Wolfe accepted the call as Interim Pastor and began November 20, 1966, with a salary of \$35.00 a week for two services each Sunday and Wednesday nights. The work continued at Love Memorial under his leadership. The Pulpit Committee contacted Rev. Roy L. Hood from Fayetteville, North Carolina to come and preach a trial sermon. The Church voted unanimously to call Rev. Roy L. Hood, as pastor with a yearly salary of \$5,700.00

rent	1,080.00
retirement	400.00
Total	<u>\$7,180.00</u>



Rev. Roy Hood and wife Barbara

The parsonage was in need of a refrigerator, and a refrigerator-freezer was purchased for \$179.00, and also a lawn mower was purchased for \$140.00, which was used to keep the grounds of the church.

Three deacons were elected who were Ortho Tew, Don Akers, and Paul Williams, who were ordained February 26, 1967, during the Evening Worship Service, to carry out the work to be done here at Love Memorial.

A long-range church planning and survey committee was formed consisting of Alice Tew, Merle Effler, Geraldine Tyndall, Betty Jackson, Ralph Creech, Gerald Brock, Don Akers, Paul Williams and Ruth Howell, as more room was needed for Worship as well as Sunday School classrooms. On April 26, 1967, the Church approved to build the first unit of Love Memorial Baptist Church. The Building Fund was beginning to grow and had reached \$4,487.00 by May 1967. On July 1967, a phone was installed in the Pastor's Study, which was in the Garage Building.

A Fall Revival was held October 22-27 with Rev. Harold Mitchell from Ellerbee, North Carolina as evangelist.

Our Church cleaning involved more than our volunteer ladies could handle, and Gary Minchew became the first part-time custodian on a salary of \$10.00 per week. This was October 8, 1967.

It was decided on September 20, 1967 that every member should receive the Biblical Recorder, a Baptist paper, from the Southern Baptist Convention in Raleigh, which keeps one informed of the Baptist work. This came into effect January 1968.

Love Memorial and other churches in the area (all denominations) had formed the Genoa-Grantham Ministerial Association, and participated in a joint Thanksgiving Service. It was held at Providence United Methodist Church and was well attended. This was the first time this was tried and it became a yearly event, meeting at different churches each year.

In October 1967, a special meeting was called which included Council members, Deacons, Rev. Roy Hood and the Pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, who met jointly and discussed their different

interpretations of the Bible. Following the meeting all of the Deacon Board resigned.

Due to lack of space and the rapid growth on February 11, 1968, two of the mens classes started meeting at the Mar-Mac Fire Station for Sunday School.

On February 1968, Rev. Roy Hood tendered his resignation and a Pulpit Committee was elected consisting of Paul Matherly, Wiley Lewis, Ralph Creech, Mrs. C. L. Howell, Mrs. R. S. Ault, and alternates were Merle Effler, Eugene Smith, Donald Price and Doug Stacks. They secured an Interim Pastor from Wake Forest area (Seminary), which was Mr. Lonnie Parker. He was called to fill this position, and moved into the Hillsdale area.

The Pulpit Committee contacted Rev. Frank Bowers, from Wise, North Carolina, who came July 1, 1968, and preached his trial sermon. July 7, 1968, a vote was taken (40-2) and he accepted the call as pastor. His pastorate began August 1, 1968 and continued for 10 years. His moving expenses were paid by the church, and the same salary was paid him as the last pastor received. He moved into the Mar-Mac community with his wife, Dorothy and their two small children, Tommy and Jeannie.



Rev. Frank Bowers and His wife Dorothy
Tommy and Jeannie, children

A Church Library was begun by James Lotter, by giving Love Memorial its first bookcase and Dorothy (Dot) Bowers becoming the first Librarian. Books were indexed and the church joined the Book of the Month Club. Books were made available to anyone desiring to check out a book.

Having a special interest in the Youth of the Church, Rev. Bowers set aside each Tuesday evening for girls (Grades 7-12) and Friday evening from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for boys who were invited to come to Love Memorial for recreation. This consisted of games for learning, as well as Ping Pong, Carrom Board, darts, checkers, chess, rook and Polly Anna.

Love Memorial had a Pact Prayer Partner Church with Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, in Mt. Moriah, Missouri (64665) on January 12, 1969. Her pastor was Rev. Charles D. Moody. It was great to have a prayer partner, as we endeavored to do God's work and drew strength from each other.

A Committee was elected to draw up a Constitution along with By-Laws, Articles of Faith, and a Covenant. The Committee consisted of Donald Price, Eugene Smith, Janet Bryan, Lonnie Parker, Rose Minchew, Tom Wolfe, and Cecil McLawhorn. Many long hours were spent on this achievement.

Love Memorial began Revival services along with twenty million other Baptists - March 17-30, 1969. Rev. Eugene Hager, Superintendent of Missions for the Neuse Association was the speaker for the Revival. This was the time of the Crusade of the Americas.

Love Memorial had broadcasts on WFMC for \$30.00 per month with Pastor Bowers having daily devotions, making everyone aware of the work at Love Memorial, in the Mar-Mac area of Wayne County.

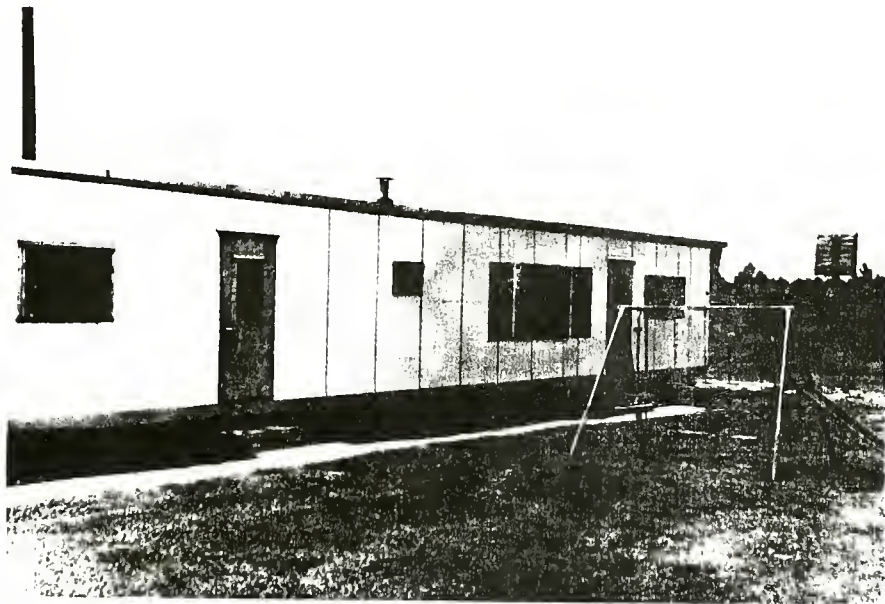
Each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas each child as well as adults were encouraged to bring food and/or a gift of money for a needy family. A Committee planned a Christmas program with a Fellowship and refreshment time afterwards, which has become a tradition every year.

A time of Fellowship was established for new and departing members once a month.

The Junior girls had seen and heard of the need of an adequate church building and knew it would not just happen, so they saved their allowances and baby sitting money in order that this need could be met as soon as possible. On Janaury 1969, they gave the Church Building Fund \$15.00. Great things began to happen rapidly, as everyone began to catch their deep understanding and desire to meet this need.

Love Memorial applied for State Financial Aid and received \$1,704.00 for newly established churches (January 1969). Signs were placed on Old Grantham Road and Highway 13 (March 1969) and a lighted cross was placed on the top of the building.

A partly burned trailer was purchased for \$1,500. to be used for additional Sunday School Classrooms. The Mobile Unit arrived March 20, 1969, and much labor and skill was required to clean and rebuild it. Lloyd Cox and Mr. Lonnie Parker along with a Committee worked on the restoration of the trailer.



Trailer used for Sunday School

Love Memorial was in need of a piano. A Piano was purchased on March 30, 1969 and it wasn't satisfactory and had to be returned. A new Story and Clark piano was purchased for \$730.00 with a 50 year guarantee, which is now being used in the Choir Room. It was purchased at a cash rate to save interest. The balance of \$300.00 was due and there was only \$30.00 in the treasure. Ruth Howell was serving as treasurer, and she withdrew \$270.00 from her personal savings account to pay this balance, as a loan. By the end of July there was sufficient funds to repay her. Rev. Bowers extended special recognition to Mrs. Howell at a Business Meeting for her generosity.

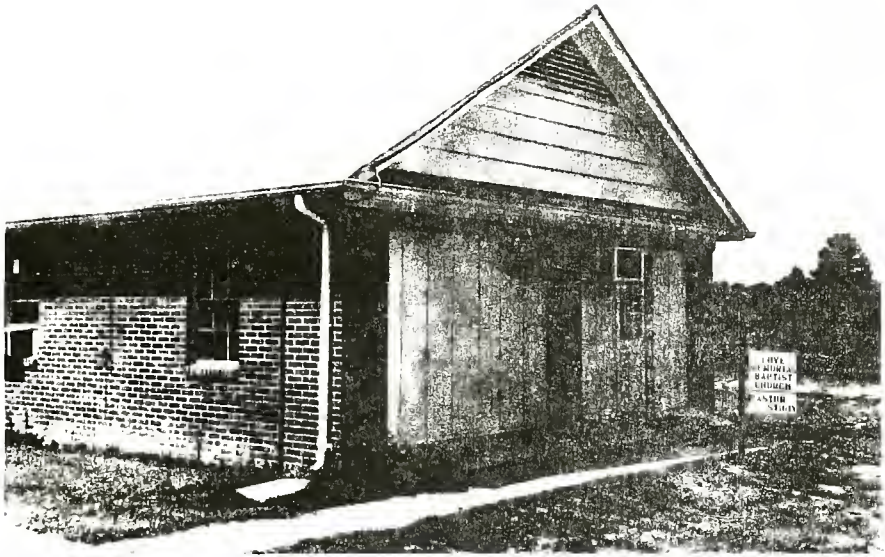
The Budget was \$218.41 each week, but some weeks the budget was not met.

It was felt that the youth of the church should be involved in the church organization, as they would be the leaders of tomorrow, and Tom Bowers was the first youth to be placed on the Executive Committee (at the age of 16) to represent the youth views. A Youth Council was formed having its own officers and Council Meetings. Monthly planning meetings were held planning activities and youth led worship services etc. For advisement and guidance there were two advisors and the pastor at each of the youth meetings.

A Youth Convention was held in the Greensboro Coliseum in August of each year and was attended by the youth of Love Memorial. This consisted of special planned programs with special speakers and vocalists reaching out to the youth. In 1982 due to the increased attendance it was divided into two Conventions; one being held in Fayetteville Memorial auditorium and one in Greensboro, reaching thousands of youth from many of the Southern Baptist Churches from all over the state.

In 1969 the Young people had a live Nativity Scene. The scene conveyed the true message of Christmas to many people in the surrounding area. In 1971 it was repeated and some of those participating were Reynold Jernigan, Rusty Ault, Tommy Bowers, Phyllis Moore, Carole Edwards, Peggy Capps, and Leslie Peedin.

The men of the church had their first Brotherhood Meeting May 4, 1969. At this time Love Memorial had GA's, RA's, Sunbeams and Brotherhood meetings here each week, as well as the WMU.



Garage Building built for additional
Sunday School classrooms

As of January 1970, the membership had grown to 159 with 168 enrolled in Sunday School. Love Memorial had outgrown the building. It was high time to begin making steps to be chartered as a Church. Building was more in the minds of the members. The Deacon Board met with Madison Avenue and received guidance and support from them on how to become chartered. February 1, 1970 was a very special date in the history of Love Memorial as it was Chartered with a special service at 2:30 p.m. It involved Rev. Thomas A. Wolfe (former Interim Pastor), Rev. Eugene Hager (Superintendent of Missions of the Neuse Baptist Association), Rev. Earl Farthing (Pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, our sponsoring Mother Church), Mr. Emulon Parker (Former Interim Pastor and member of Love Memorial), Rev. Frank Bowers (Pastor) and the church members and friends all in attendance. The objective of a Church, composed of baptised believers who shared a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, as Saviour and Lord, is to be a redemptive body in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, growing toward Christian maturity, proclaiming the gospel to the whole world and applying Christian principles to man and society that God's purposes may be achieved. Love

Memorial accepted the great responsibility that day.

Until this date the children of Nursery age were taken care of by the ladies of the Church, taking turns in the Nursery, during the Sunday School and Morning Worship services. Due to the increase in the number of nursery age children, a Nursery worker, Mrs. Kate Campbell was hired on January 16, 1970. She continued in this capacity until her death, June 25, 1982. All the children loved her.

All of those who became members before February 15, 1970, were considered Charter members. As the church was chartered Rev. Earl Farthing stressed that Love Memorial not "stand by gazing, but that she move forward in one accord." At the first Church Business Meeting, Wednesday following the chartering, Love Memorial began to do just that. The success of Love Memorial depends on the depth of love, that it has for God and our fellowman. John 3:16 speaks of God's love. Our actions speak "our love".

A Building and Survey Committee was formed. Bill Cox was elected as chairman. Additional land was needed on which to build a sanctuary and the search began. Much time was put into the search. Land behind Mar-Mac Shopping Center was considered, as well as land beside Hevi Duty, but to no avail.

Again Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryan came to the rescue and made a generous offer to donate 7 acres of land adjoining the original lot he had given. It was given for future development of Love Memorial. Many Work Days were needed and hard work by the men to clear and prepare for building. Mr. Bryan's generous offer was graciously accepted, and a letter of appreciation was sent.

Now that Love Memorial had been constituted, and land secured, A Finance Committee was formed, with Durwood Johnson, serving as chairman. Love Memorial was heading toward building a new sanctuary. Rev. Richard Smith, from the State Baptist Convention was contacted and his help enlisted to explain the "Together We Build Program", which was designed to inform and inspire a body of believers to build Christ's Church. It took ten committees functioning to make the Program work. The "Together We Build Program" (Fund Raising Program) was adopted by Love Memorial. The Goal of \$35,000.00 was pledged over 150 weeks



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryan, who donated the land that Love Memorial stands on.

to the Building Fund. Each Church member and church user had an important part to play. A Banquet night was planned September 26, 1970 at Goldsboro Motor Hotel on Center Street, Goldsboro, and a buffet style dinner was served. In six weeks of "Together We Build" - Love Memorial had "Grown a Foot" with concentrated work for Christ to say nothing of that fact that the \$35,000.00 goal would be reached for the new building. In fact that night one of the dreams became a reality as the goal not only was reached, but pledges went over the goal. (The "Together We Build" - required \$234.00 per week). The Nashville Architects sent new plans for long range

building. The Building and Survey Committee chairman, Bill Cox, recommended to the Church, Conrad Wessell to be hired as church architect for building the first unit. Bill Cox met with Mr. Wessell and various committees and building plans were drawn for the present sanctuary. (Conrad Wessell was paid \$10,000.00). The Bids were opened October 19, 1970 at 2 p.m. from the Contractors and Stackhouse was selected to build the sanctuary. Bill Cox presented the bid for the new sanctuary at the Church Business Meeting in the amount of \$99,445.00 which included 2 additional classrooms, and air conditioning. Durwood Johnson, Finance Chairman reported a total of \$103,000.00 for the building was needed - which included the balance due Mr. Conrad Wessell. This meant on October 27, 1971 approximately \$77,000.00 was needed. The Board of Trustees applied for \$7,500.00 loan at 4% interest from the State Baptist Convention for 5 years, which the State Baptist Convention approved. The Board of Trustees negotiated a loan to obtain \$77,000.00 for 20 years approved by First Federal Savings and Loan at 8 3/4% interest.

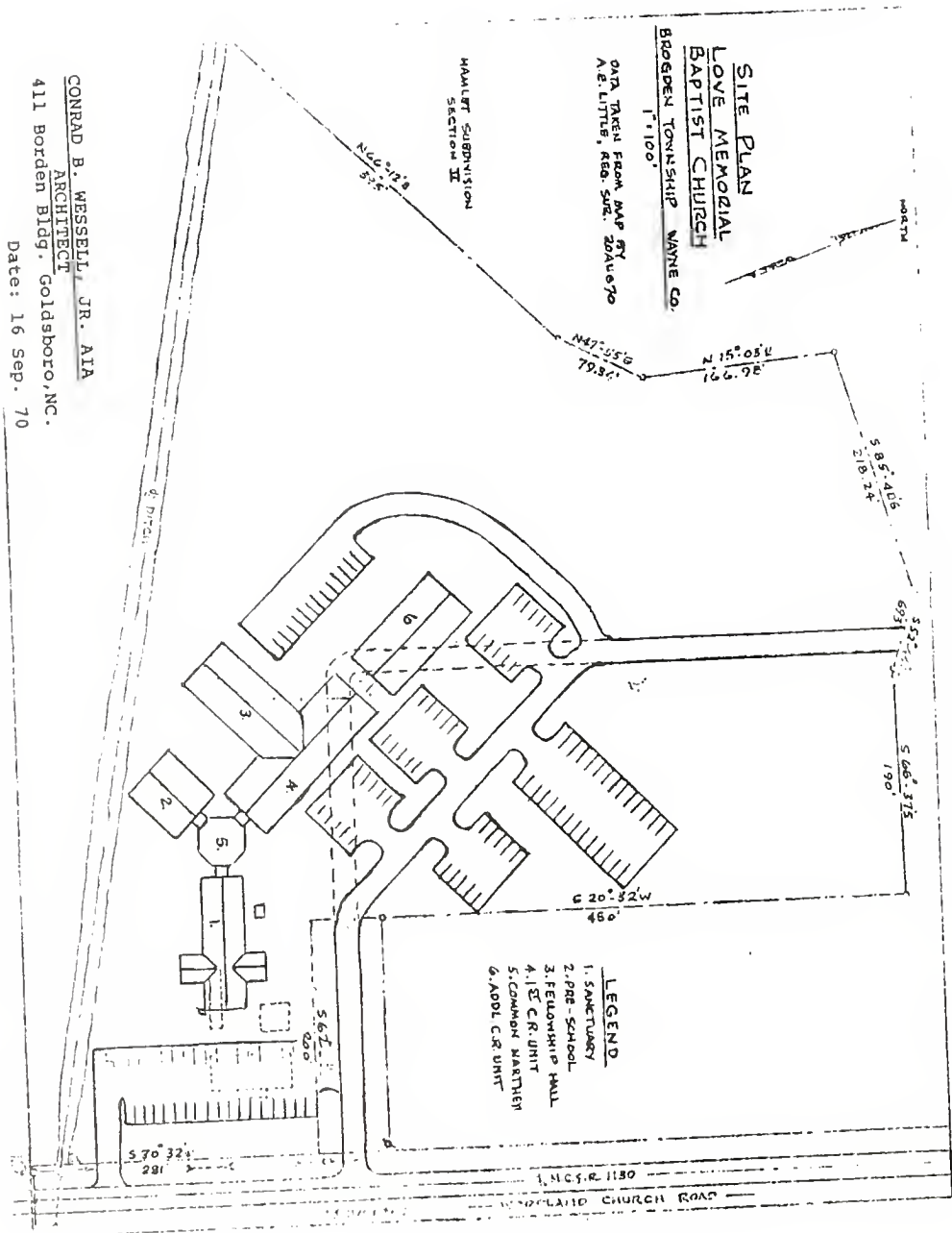
The next step forward was planned and taken at the "Ground Breaking Day" ceremony on a crisp windy day, November 21, 1971. The Pastor, Rev. Frank Bowers thanked everyone for making this day possible and asked each one to pledge even greater support to the total Church program requesting each one as individuals and together to "be a blessing" to Mar-Mac.

Enthusiasm and excitement was in the air and stakes were placed on the property marking the corners of the "New Sanctuary" December 1971. As the building began to take shape each person was asked to pick up their brick paper from the church and cover a shoe box as a daily reminder of a place to deposit what money they could toward the Building Fund. These special offerings were brought to the Christmas Program December 19, 1971 and taken to the front of the sanctuary, building a wall with the boxes symbolizing a wall for the new sanctuary to be built. At the cost of 5¢ per brick, each family was asked to contribute the cost of as many bricks as possible. Names were placed inside the boxes for the financial secretaries records. It was fun as well as a great way to see a wall built.



GROUNDBREAKING — Groundbreaking ceremonies were held yesterday for the new \$100,000 Love Memorial Baptist Church on an 11-acre site on Woodland Church Road in the Mar Mac area. The first phase of a long-range building plan will include a sanctuary seating 275 people and a 10-classroom Sunday School facility. The church, chartered 18 months ago, has been holding services in a house converted into a church. Taking part in groundbreaking ceremonies yesterday, left to right, are Rev. Frank Bowers, the pastor; Ronnie Gurganus of Stackhouse Construction Company, the general contractor; Willard Cox, chairman of the building committee; and, architect Conrad Wessell, Jr. (Staff Photo)

CONRAD B. WESSELL, JR. AIA
 ARCHITECT
 411 Borden Bldg. Goldsboro, NC.
 Date: 16 Sep. 70



SITE PLAN
 LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 BROGDEN TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY 1970

Love Memorial joined "How To Study The Bible" and 9 received certificates which were Robert Peedin, Hazel Peedin, Werner Effler, Merle Effler, Calvin Peedin, Joeann Ault, David L. Peedin, Reynold Jernigan and Martha McKellar.

June 1970, during the summer months, each Sunday evening Love Memorial had a devotion and Summer Fellowship time. It was called SUMMER CARES in 1972; CHRISTIANS ATTEND REGULAR EVENING SERVICES. This included a devotion followed by recreation time of playing horseshoes, volley ball, and soft ball, and refreshments served by two ladies each week rotating around. Those attending got to know each other better as well as love the Church and each other more. This met a great need, as this is a church of people from so many different walks of life and so many different parts of the United States, being military families becoming members and sharing God's love in the Mar-Mac Community. This continued each summer meeting in different members back yards upon invitation and once was invited to Hood Trailer Park, where a baptism was held in the pool outside.

The first two (2) women were elected to serve on the Deaconate Board were Mrs. C. L. (Ruth) Howell, and Mrs. Sherrell (Doris) Jernigan. Mr. Lonnie Parker was the chairman and Robert Peedin, Vice-chairman. Russell Ault was also elected. On December 13, 1970, the Deacon and Deaconess were ordained at a 2:30 p.m. service at Love Memorial. Rev. Earl Farthing, Pastor of Madison Avenue, gave the charge and stated the Deaconate would strengthen our church fellowship. Other Baptist Churches were invited to participate. These men and women were chosen by God and our Church to serve Love Memorial.

In 1970, forty boys attended a meeting wanting to play basketball. "God is asking us each day to do something with the young people of Mar-Mac area. What is your answer to God and the young people?" asked Rev. Bowers.

Softball games were organized for men, boys and ladies. There were several teams and games scheduled. Each 4th of July events were planned such as the greasy pig, the greased pole, watermelon seed spitting contest, cakes, icecream, drinks, hotdogs etc. The Park had their own organization separate from the church. They had their own officers with representatives from Love Memorial. The proceeds from



Park Steering Committee (Ann Moore, Joeann Ault
and Gerald Batts)

these sponsored activities were used for new lights in the baseball field, to build a concession stand, bleachers and other equipment. It was a great mission field and many of our youth have great memories of the recreation they enjoyed here at Love Memorial Park. On May 9, 1973, Love Memorial voted to give \$100.00 toward lights in the Park.

Colon Brown having a special interest in sports and children joined forces with George Summerlin (who worked with the News-Argus) and Ralph Creech. They were instrumental in organizing Love Memorial's first football team, who finished the season as Champions. Appreciation was given to the coaches, referees, cheerleaders, parents and fans who worked so well under the leadership of Colon Brown, head coach. They practiced here, but played their games at the Boys Club. Some new spirit was added by Jean Cox, with her cheerleaders. Many of our girls here remember being a cheerleader, when they were little girls, ten and eleven years of age. Colon Brown was elected the first Park Director. Names were turned in for the Recreation Field and on April 4, 1971 the name Love Memorial Park and Bryan Baseball Field were unanimously approved.

Colon Brown presented the following guidelines from the Recreation Committee for Love Memorial Park and Bryan Field as a recommendation:

1. Committee members: 4 from Love Memorial, 1 from Woodland Friend, 1 from Providence United Methodist, and 1 from Brogden United Methodist Church. Members will serve from October to October.
2. Director will be from the Committee and voted on by the Church (Love Memorial)
3. Treasurer will be from the Committee and money and records kept by the treasurer. The money will be separate from the church and Building Fund
4. Love Memorial will have final say so, but no priority - first come - first serve.
5. Schedule of activities to be kept by Director. All events and reservations will have to be approved by the Director.
6. All organized activities must be supervised by an adult.
7. Individuals may participate at any time as long as no organized group is scheduled.
8. No alcoholic beverage permitted on the premises.
9. Recreation Department has control over all concessions.
10. Any expenditures should be approved by the treasurer or Director.
11. Any expenditures over \$500.00 should be approved by the Committee.
12. Any structure should be approved by Love Memorial.

These rules met the approval of the Church.

Colon Brown was elected as Recreation Director through March 28, 1971.

Looking over the history, I think this bears repeating as it appeared in the bulletin written by the Pastor (Rev. Frank Bowers) on May 24, 1970. "If God were as dead as some people what would happen? It might just be that we're strangling God by not letting Him use us unselfishly! Many people seem to think it is right to be on HIS WELFARE PROGRAM and not turning a hand for Him, His Church or neighbors. Free God to do His great work through you in Mar-Mac and the world. Some day will be too late." I think we have taken this seriously and have turned a hand for Him, His Church and our neighbors, but let's not sit back and think all the work has been done and we just quit -- The field is white with harvest and the laborers are so few -- We still need you!! We still do need you.

A Scrap book was compiled about Love Memorial and submitted to North Carolina State Grange by Mrs. Joeann Ault. This was submitted as a newly organized church in North Carolina. Love Memorial received an honorable mention -- a letter from the North Carolina State Grange which reads in part: "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to advise you that Love Memorial Baptist Church will receive Honorable mention on October 24, 1971, at the 43rd Annual Session of the North Carolina State Grange. Your Church will be recognized for outstanding programs and services.

(signed) Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell

On November 7, 1971, Rev. Roy Hood, a former pastor was invited to speak for the First Homecoming Day, since being constituted a Church. Love Memorial had come a long way since February 1, 1970 and had a long way to go for Christ. The goal here at Love Memorial was and is to be a blessing for this community and its needs through service here.

Love Memorial joined with the other churches in the Neuse Association in participating in the WIN program. WIN means reaching out to help others in the process of finding the deepest joy possible by learning How To Witness to the many people who profess no faith in God. These sessions were taught at Adamsville Baptist Church. Those participating were Rev. Frank Bowers, Ruth Howell, Hazel Peedin, Joeann Ault and Edna Moore.

Race Relations Sunday was observed each year beginning 1972 with various races of people coming to speak from various countries.

Madison Avenue Baptist Church being our Mother Church, always looking after Love Memorial; gave a Con Electronic Organ, as they were getting a new one for their new sanctuary. Due to the fact there wasn't a baptistry, Madison Avenue graciously let Love Memorial use their baptistry any time it was needed. One of the many Baptismal Services was held on March 5, 1972 at 2:30 p.m. in the old sanctuary of Madison Avenue. Those being baptised were Carol Edwards, Peggy Jernigan, Phyllis Moore, Charlie Fortner, Eunice Ferree and Ray Ferree.

A Pictorial Directory was compiled of all the families who were members, and families who were attending Love Memorial, on March 26, 1972. The families were scheduled to have their pictures taken on a Sunday afternoon. Each family purchased pictures were given a directory, and additional copies were given the church.

On April 23, 1972, a complete religious survey was taken of the Mar-Mac area in Wayne County. Rev. Eugene Hager, Superintendent of Missions of the Neuse Association was chairman of this survey, who arranged for everyone to meet at Brogden United Methodist Church. Many churches participated (Brogden United Methodist, Love Memorial Baptist, Mayes Chapel FWB, Black Jack FWB., Providence United Methodist, Falling Creek Baptist and Dudley Christian Church) who were committed to this task, going out 2 by 2 collecting information as where each family attended church or the denomination they preferred. A continuous updating was needed as families move away and new prospects came. There were 100 people who took part in the survey. The maps for the survey were compiled by Russell Ault and Mr. McKellar, who worked with the State.

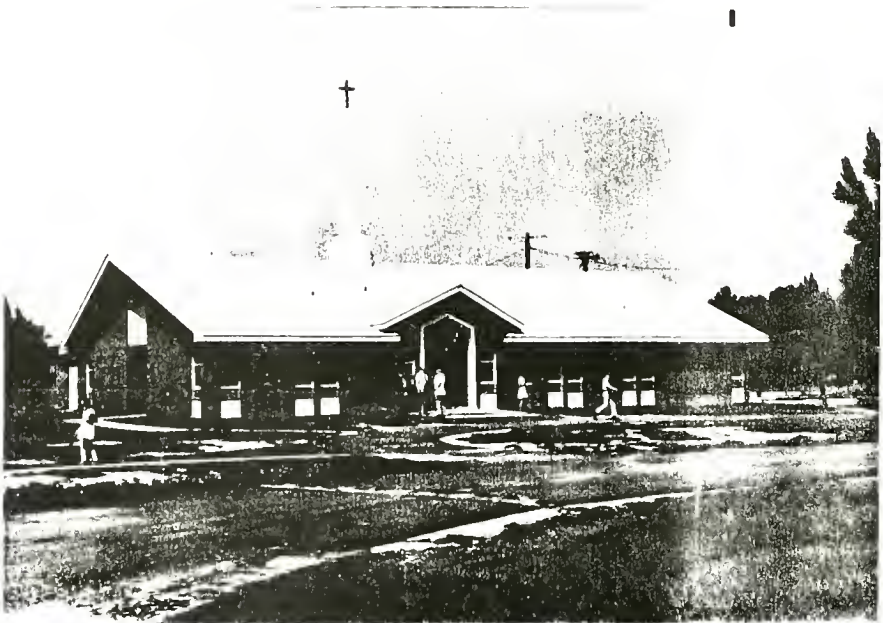
Children's Church was provided at Love Memorial for two age groups, which was started by Colon Brown, March 30, 1972. One group was preschool through 3rd grade which met in the trailer and a Junior Church group who met in the Garage Building each Sunday morning during the Morning Worship Hour.

During the month of March 1972, there were 15 to unite with Love Memorial Baptist Church. A new Chapel Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Sue Shaw was organized and sang during the Morning Worship Hour, April 20, 1972. This was a Youth Choir for 7th grade up. Mrs. Shaw moved and the choir was discontinued.

As the building began taking shape new church furniture was ordered from Vernon Supply in May 1972. There were 22 pews ordered @\$150.00, Communion Table @\$225.00; repository @\$125.00; Choir Screen @\$300.00; piano screen @\$175.00 and Organ screen @\$175.00.

In June 1972, the Pastor's desk which was ordered and made by Mr. Mozingo arrived, costing \$1,000.00.

After much anticipation the NEW SANCTUARY was completed and ready for its first service, on August 20, 1972. All the Sunday School classrooms were not assigned until the following Sunday, but it was a great day! On September 10, 1972 at 3 p.m. the new sanctuary was dedicated. The Dedication Service was a special planned service with Rev. Eugene Hager, Superintendent of Missions, Connie Wessell (Architect), Mr. Stackhouse (Contractor), Rev. Frank Bowers (Pastor) and Rev. Earl Farthing (Pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church) being invited. Rev. Farthing had the message of dedication.



Love Memorial Baptist Church

On August 23, 1972, the church voted to buy a beautiful lot 100' x 200' on Woodland Church Road, on which to later move the old Sanctuary building, when long range plans called for it to be moved. This lot and building could be used for housing a Minister of Music. At the same meeting it was voted to pave the road and parking lots. (\$2,500. lot cost)

Love Memorial has always been a church with NEW IDEAS! We have tried new things, never to be a church of "It won't work" so we won't try it, but a church of "Let's give it a try!" Thinking down that line "It can happen in one night as well as an entire week, if you want it too!" it was decided to have a "One Night Revival". On November 30, 1972, we did just that - it was a "Think Service", as everyone met in small groups to try and stimulate one's mind and heart with a teacher opening the group discussion on the meaning of "Christian Discipleship". Each one was encouraged to think on what he or she should do as a Christian and respond to the invitation as the need called for. Everyone joined together in the sanctuary for the invitation and benediction. It was very inspiring.

Reynold Jernigan served as Youth Director and a Senior Banquet was planned for the graduating class of Southern Wayne High School in 1972. The mothers of the Senior Class prepared the banquet and they were served and the seniors and their guests enjoyed the evening especially for them.

A Church picnic with each family bringing hot dogs, hamburgers buns and desserts with the church providing drinks, plates and napkins was a great success on Spetember 24, 1972.

Homecoming which had usually been the first Sunday in November was changed and was observed October 1, 1972, as the weather usually is better that time of year. Rev. Richard Bass, one of the first Pastors of the Mission from Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Forest City, North Carolina, was Homecoming speaker.

In August 1972, the Parking lot was blacktopped across the road from the sanctuary.

Robert Peedin on behalf of the Woodmen of the World, Camp 1319, presented the Christian Flag, and United States flag to Love Memorial on Sept. 3, 1972 These two flags stand in the sanctuary each Sunday.



Robert Peedin (Flags) Rev. Frank Bowers

The Acteens, had a recognition service October 1, 1972 and they qualified as "Distinguished", which was the highest recognition given. Five girls were crowned "Queens" which were Jeannie Bowers, Marilyn Fortner, Loreice Jernigan, Karen Owen, and Kim Peterson, under the leadership of Mrs. Rachel Rawls, Acteen Leader. A Clothes Closet was started by the Acteens in November 1972 and when clothing was needed it was available.

Love Memorial continued to grow and Training Union continued at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening for Adults. The Senior High School age group met for their Class each Sunday morning at 9 a.m., which worked out better for them.

On October 1, 1972, there were 163 in attendance in Sunday School.

As Love Memorial continued to pay rent to Mr. Raymond Bryan for the parsonage (305 Sherwood Circle), he offered to give the house and lot to the Church,

providing Love Memorial would assume payments of \$111.00 each month as of October 1972, for the remaining 11 years and one month. It was graciously accepted and a letter of sincere appreciation was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan for their generosity. Love Memorial has been richly blessed with so much being given to them over the years.

The Neuse Association consisting of 35 churches, including Love Memorial, which covers the counties of Wayne, Greene, Lenior and Duplin who all work together for the mutual strengthening of the continued work for Christ, met October 24, 1972 at 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. for an Associational Meeting with Love Memorial being its host and Jordan's Chapel as Co-Host. This was the first time Love Memorial had hosted the Association. This was a great opportunity for the members of Love Memorial to attend one of the Associational meetings around our own surroundings. Since that time there have been many meetings held at Love Memorial.

The First Candlelight Baptism and Lord's Supper service using Love Memorial's own Baptistry took place November 5, 1972. Curtis Jackson was one of the first candidates for baptism.

As the sanctuary was completed the old building needed to be converted into more Sunday School classrooms. The Pastors Study was moved from the Garage Building to the first sanctuary building and a secretaries desk was added for a reception area to make an office. Much hard work was done by Lloyd (Sonny Cox as foreman, as additional walls had to be placed in the building to make this possible) (four rooms were made out of what once was the sanctuary).

During the summer after school was out, the youth volunteered to be in the Church office each morning to answer the phone and help the pastor, in whatever area they were needed. This started in June 1972 with the following volunteers: Leslie Peedin, Phyllis Moore, Wayne Owen, Peggy Capps, Carole Edwards, Gail Tyndall and Gail Adams. These were the "First Secretaries" of Love Memorial.

After school resumed five volunteer ladies worked in the office as secretaries which included Emma Owen, Dixie Parker, Pat Cyrus, Jean Carson and Edna Moore, who worked one day a week from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

September 1973, Rev. Frank Bowers stated the Finance Committee recommended that Love Memorial not accept the \$125.00 from Madison Avenue Church this year, but it wasn't until July 14, 1976 that a letter was received from Madison Avenue, informing Love Memorial that as of December 31, 1976, they would no longer give us aid. They were and had been making payment on the church building in the amount of \$125.00 per month, since it was built in 1963. It was an embarrassment that we had let this go this long. The deed to the property was in the names of Madison Avenue and Love Memorial and at this time the trustees took the necessary action in assuming the deed for Love Memorial. A letter of appreciation was sent to Madison Avenue for their continued help throughout the years. The church took over these payments in July 1976 immediately following their request.

Since the promotion of all school students came in June, Mr. Lonnie Parker made a recommendation to the church to change the promotion time for Sunday School classes to June to correspond with the school system, instead of October. This was approved and tried as a new venture. Due to the problems it created with the Sunday School literature and reports to be sent in at the end of the regular church year in September, it was discussed at an April 14, 1976 Church Business Meeting and decided not to change it back, but to continue to try and make it work. This continued to create difficulty from year to year and was brought up and discussed again in September 1978, by our Sunday School Director, Phyllis Moore, who made the motion to change our Church year from July to June, to October to September as all literature and records do not correspond with the Association, our Church letter and the Southern Baptist Convention Church year. The officers elected from July 1978 continued to serve until September 1979, to get it back on the approved schedule. It proved to work well.

Love Memorial continued to participate in the Community Thanksgiving services and the service held on November 19, 1972 was at Emmaus Baptist Church with the Pastor of Brogden United Methodist Church, Rev. Hilliary Bryant having the message. It was well attended.

The weekly budget for 1973 was \$700.00 per week or \$36,400.00 for the years budget.

Due to the additional cleaning needed with the new sanctuary and Sunday School classrooms being built, it was voted on July 1973 to employ Daughtry Janitorial Service for cleaning (furnishing their own cleaning supplies and equipment) for \$25.00 each week. They continued cleaning until there were complaints and it was suggested that the young people would be willing to take over the Janitorial work in order for a youth worker to be hired, using the money for his salary. This was objected to by Mrs. Dixie Parker (Aug. 14, 1974). Beginning the year of 1976, the Janitorial Service wasn't giving any better service, and Rev. Bowers again suggested that the 11th and 12th graders would like to take over the cleaning duties under the supervision of Mrs. Nancy Brown. It met the approval of the church and the Janitorial Service was terminated and the youth began cleaning and the church paid the youth \$120.00 per month, which was deposited in the Youth of Love Memorial Bank Account, to be used for various youth functions, such as speakers, films etc.

The "Flower Calendar" was established June 12, 1974, shortly after Goldsboro Florist closed in 1973, where we had been buying flowers over the years. Mr. Lem Howell had been picking them up and delivering them to the church each week. Lib Beard was elected to establish a "Flower Calendar" having families sign up specific Sundays they desired to furnish flowers. Rose Florist was selected with the best prices. Each individual would then pay the allotted amount for the flowers, and they were delivered to the church each week.

When Goldsboro Florist closed, Love Memorial purchased 6 candelabras, 2 wicker baskets and a kneeling bench for \$70.00. These have been used many times for weddings, candlelight services, cantatas, and other occasions.

Shortly after the sanctuary was built it was felt choir robes would add to the service and on August 27, 1972, Mr. Charles Howell, son of Ruth Howell contributed \$250.00 toward their purchase. Other contributions were made in the amount of \$145.29, and measurements were made and robes were ordered in green with gold and white sashes. The price of each robe was \$35.29. The choir looked nice and they sang beautifully.

Sixty shares of Lance Packing Company stock were given to Love Memorial by Mrs. Ruth Bostick (Joeann Ault's Mother). A letter of appreciation was sent for her generosity. At other times additional shares were given by Mrs. Bostick and when it divided Love Memorial owns (1988) 778 shares, which pays dividends periodically.

The "Forward Program" with Gary Bevell as chairman, followed the "Together We Build" program (September 1973) with emphasis on "Live The Word".

Since there were three children killed in this area on Old Grantham Road, Gary Bevell sought to get the speed limit reduced and was successful. This was a safety measure for all children in Mar-Mac.

A Community Choir was organized under the direction of Victor Murchison, pastor of Woodland Friends Church. A Cantata was presented at Love Memorial Baptist Church December 16, 1973. The choir consisted of church choir members in the Genoa-Grantham Ministerial Association.

As new members join Love Memorial it was suggested they go with the minister to the door at the end of the service so the congregation could speak to them as they leave. This worked smoothly.

In January 1974 Rev. Frank Bowers and Mr. Lonnie Parker were in the Baptist Book Store in Raleigh and learned of a 16 mm projector for sale by Longview Baptist Church for \$50.00. It was purchased by them and at the following Business Meeting asked for approval for Love Memorial to purchase the projector, which was approved, and was put to much use.

In September 1974, Frank Mosier requested we have Training Union at 6 p.m. each Sunday evening instead of 7 p.m., in order to have Sunday Evening Worship service at 7 p.m. Up until this date Love Memorial did not have an Evening Worship Service - just Training Union. As Frank Mosier made this in the form of a

motion the Pastor, Rev. Frank Bowers suggested that although it would be legal if the Conference voted to have the Evening Service, he suggested the deacons make the decision. A vote was called for and the motion was defeated, but recommended that the deacons take this matter under consideration. At the following October meeting the deacons had not made a decision, however by January 1975, it was decided to have the Evening Worship Service each Sunday evening.

When the sanctuary was built in 1972, J. P. Stevens was already in the area having city water, and Love Memorial tapped on to the City water supply. Later Southern Wayne Sanitary District was in the process of installing a water system in this area and anyone signing up at the planning stage would pay a lower fee. This only affected the parsonage, as the Church already had city water. Mr. Lonnie Parker, trustee signed for the parsonage, March 13, 1974 at a \$50.00 fee.

As the youth age group was growing in number, Rev. Frank Bowers and Charles McRae went to Raleigh to interview Rick Traylor, concerning the Youth Corp Program. They found out that their program would place a Youth Summer worker in the church from June 4-August 11, 1974, this being 10 weeks for someone to work strickly with the youth program. The cost was \$45.00 per week plus room and board and transportation (which was 10¢ a mile), to be paid by Love Memorial and the Convention would pay the youth worker \$45.00 a week for 10 weeks. It was voted by the church to enter the Youth Corp Program, and the first youth worker was assigned in April 1974, which was Steven Crouse. He came June 5, 1974 and planned activities involving the youth. There were 15 youth who went to Camp Caswell at Southport, N. C. in August. This was a Baptist Camp with Bible Study and planned religious activites all packed into a week.

It was a very successful summer for the youth, and they worked hard on a Musical drama which they presented the last weekend Steven was here. The youth all loved him, as well as the adults. During the last few days he was here his guitar was broken and the youth helped him buy another one, by collecting money among themselves for this purpose. They hated to see him leave.



Steven Crouse
(First Youth Corp Worker)

April 13, 1975, the Bicentennial began with available literature and programs. It was celebrated on July 4, 1975 with the ladies of the church dressing in the attire worn 200 years ago with a special service.

Since the Youth Corp worker proved successful with the youth, Love Memorial applied for their second youth worker. Roger Pearman, from Wingate College was assigned and was busy all 10 weeks with various activities and programs. Since he did not have a car the members would pick him up and take him to their homes for his evening meals. He was loved by the youth and adults alike. The youth spent their time at the church with Roger, planning activities and with Bible Studies, practicing for a musical drama, backyard Bible school etc. There was a good number who went to Caswell too.

Due to the drop in receipts during the summer of 1975, a letter was sent to the membership advising everyone of the needed financial help during the summer months. The members responded favorable. As the treasurer, Ruth Howell was to have cataract surgery, Edna Moore, was elected assistant treasurer, during her recovery which was August, September and October 1975.

The rules for obtaining the Fellowship Hall had been first come - first serve, until February 1975, when there was a conflict. The Girl Scout Troop from Providence United Methodist Church had requested the use of the Fellowship Hall, 2 months previous. In planning for the Valentine Banquets it was noted that the fellowship hall was not available for use. It was worked out to have the banquets at a later date. It was decided and approved at a Business meeting that the Fellowship Hall was not to be booked for outside non-church activities more than one month in advance.

Dr. Alton L. Hood, Medical Missionary on furlough from Thailand and Bangkok Baptist Hospital (a native from the Grantham Community) came to Love Memorial during his busy schedule and preached at the Morning Worship Hour. His message was a blessing to all, as he told of his work as a surgeon in Thailand, and how his witness served in that area. He came again February 25, 1975 and whenever he could be scheduled when on furlough. He was a very witty and interesting speaker.

To attain a better drainage in the Park area and church grounds, a ditch digging machine was rented for \$100.00 and Steve Willard furnished the labor, and the ditch was dug.

Homecoming date was set for the 2nd Sunday in October each year (1975), so it would not conflict with so many other churches in the area who had homecoming the first Sunday in October.

A wheelchair was given the church for use whenever there was a need, by Mr. John Cour.

The Southern Wayne Woman's Club who met at the church each month, submitted plans for a picnic shelter to be built at their expense, which was accepted by the church, but to enlarge it to have adequate space for picnic tables. This was built in 1976 and enjoyed during the summer for Summer Cares Devotions, fellowships, picnic etc.

There was a need to have restrooms in the Park, so the church wouldn't have to be opened to the Park for restroom facilities, during the ballgames. Mr. Lonnie Parker, trustee asked permission of the church to build restrooms at the expense of the Park. Plans were shown, which were drawn up and permission granted to build restrooms. After they were built (to the right of the church in the back) complaints were voiced concerning the location and appearance. The church body expected them to be in the picnic area. Shrubbery was suggested to be placed in front of them, but never materialized. In 1975 the Park was given permission to build a concession stand, which was built, and is now being used to shelter the tractor.

On April 13, 1975, the Bicentennial Celebration began and literature was available for programs, to celebrate the 200th year of the United States of America. The ladies dressed in dresses from the designs 200 years ago and a special service was planned.

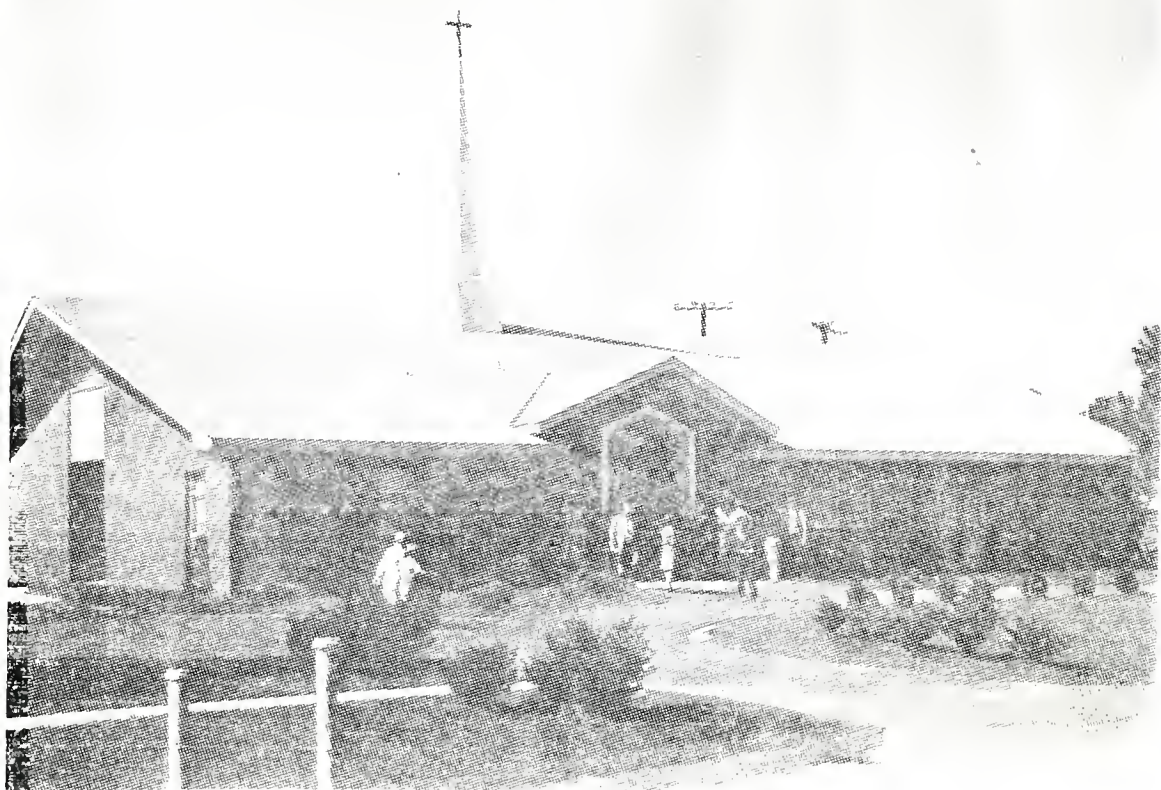
The Budget and Finance Committee was requested to study the feasibility of hiring a church secretary on September 8, 1976 at a Church Business meeting. Their recommendation on October 13, 1976 was to hire Pat Cyrus effective October 1, 1976 with a salary of \$35.00 per week for 15 hours per week, plus an additional \$2.00 per week to be paid for Social Security. She had been working as a volunteer and took the job as a paid employee. She was very active in the work of Love Memorial and continued to work until October 30, 1977 when she and her family moved to Kenova, West Virginia. Edna Moore was hired as church secretary November 1, 1977, with many added responsibilities as the church grew. She still continues to work in this capacity as of this date 1988, serving the past 11 years, and also is a member of Love Memorial.



Pat Cyrus
Church Secretary
Oct. 1, 1976 - Oct. 30, 1977



Edna L. Moore
Church Secretary
Nov. 1, 1977 -
(Served 11 years)



The Properties Committee requested \$400.00 of the \$1,000.00 (gift) Mrs. Fannie Scott had given the church, to be used for landscaping. The Property Committee consisting of Bill Moore, Buddy Medlin, Bobby Owen and Edna Moore purchased shrubs from Ponderosa Nursery. The men on the Committee proceeded to dig through the hard clay, adding peat moss for each shrub before setting them out. Large sections of cement and old pieces of black top road, which had been used earlier to fill in the area in front of the sanctuary - were dug out with picks and shovels. Some said it couldn't be done and shrubs would not grow, without first getting top soil and be a great expense to the church. The landscaping was done in September 1976 at the cost of \$146.00 for shrubs and the labor was from the members of the committee who labored hard and much "sweat of the brow" to complete this project.

Southern Wayne Woman's Club planted a tree in memory of Bib Beard, who was an active member of Love Memorial and Southern Wayne Woman's Club. The tree was planted behind the concession stand.

Bobby Holland was elected Park Director in 1976. He was not a church member, but lived in the community. A letter was sent from the church to the Park committee requesting the park not to be used during

Church services on Sunday and Wednesday nights and no organized athletics to be played on Sundays. Also no alcoholic beverages, drinking, passing dope or misbehavior was allowed in the park, which was Church property. There was a need for By-Laws for the Church Park and a committee was formed consisting of Bill Cox, Bill Moore, Dixie Parker, Russell Ault, Gary Bevell and Jim Blackwell, who accomplished this.

Pat Cyrus, youth advisor in behalf of the youth, requested \$600.00 from the remaining gift of Mrs. Fannie Scott (who was a former Baptist, living in the Mar-Mac Community, but a member of Providence United Methodist Church) to purchase a 1959 bus for \$300.00; license \$14.00 and Insurance \$223.00 per year, to be used for bus trips and various youth functions. Ray Gales offered his CB for the bus trips. It was approved to purchase the bus in 1976, which was used mostly by the youth - who named it "Blue Goose". The youth enjoyed the bus and went to Carowinds, Camp Caswell, "Joy Explosions" at various local churches, youth conventions in Greensboro, a tour of the Baptist Colleges, and beach trips. The bus was used for the youth just to be all together where they could get up and down and fellowship with one another enroute to various places.

A three-day Youth Revival was held beginning July 16, 1976, followed by a covered dish dinner. The church allowed the youth to have the revival if they would raise the money, and it not be any expense to the church. They wanted a Youth Revival that much - that they raised \$100.00 and had their revival which was a great success.

In April 1977, the church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Rose Blackwell. She was an employee of an Insurance Company in Mount Olive and made door to door collections. One day after work she she did not come home on time and her husband checked through the office and she had not returned. She was found robbed and murdered later leaving behind her husband, Jim and 5 children. Her funeral was held at Love Memorial and some of the youth who were pall bearers were Chris Carson, Jackie Cyrus, Chris Moore, and Johnny Carson.

Ron Pelletier was elected Park Director (not a church member), but only served a short time, resigning Jan. 12, 1977, as he planned to leave the area. The Co-Directors were Gail Hines, Gary Bevell and Don Word. The Park put up lights in the Little League Park and 2 additional ones in the softball field, and 3 sets of bleachers were ordered each seating 55 people.

Bobby Tyndall was elected Park Director effective April 1, 1977. Practice games were played Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. but no competitive games were scheduled.

The room was made ready for the Youth Summer worker, Eddie Allen. The youth had a great summer, and presented a musical drama entitled "The Easel and the Book" under the direction of Eddie Allen and Phyllis Moore. The summer consisted of Bible Study, beach trips, Caswell and as usual the youth wanted the youth summer worker to remain and not leave in August.

There was a "Family Life Conference" held September 24, 1977, led by Dr. Charles Petty and Douglas Cole, which was sponsored by the Genoa-Grantham Ministerial Association.

October 2, 1977 was Homecoming and the speakers were Bill Knapp and Bill Hubbard, former members.

At this point the kitchen did not have cabinets and the Property Committee (Edna Moore, chairman) got 2 bids with the lower one being \$750.00. It was presented to the Business Meeting in October 1977 for consideration and Linwood Thompson offered to build them for the cost of materials. Funds were not available at this time, but Buddy Medlin made a contribution of \$200.00 to start off a fund for the cabinets. Linwood Thompson's offer was accepted and he built the cabinets saving the church a great deal of labor expense and did a beautiful job.

David Johnson, a student of Campbell, had seen the Pastor (Rev. Bowers) exhausted after working with the youth on a hot 4th of July in 1977, and contacted Rev. Bowers to see if he could work part-time while he continued his education. This was presented to the church and approved November 9, 1977 and Dave became the Minister of Education and Youth (Part-time) December 1977 'til the end of the school year. He moved into the office building and worked

with the youth and taught Bible Studies to the adults as well. He had a coffee house for the youth, trips to various places, January Bible Study, working weekends with the youth and commuted to and from Campbell University during the week. Upon graduation he was recommended for enrollment into Southeastern Seminary.

April 12, 1978, David Johnson was requested to be the Summer Youth Worker and attended the workshop at CaRaway May 4-6 at a cost of \$27.00 to the Church, where he attended training for Youth Corp workers, which was paid for by the Convention, as he was approved by the Youth Corp Program. He worked through August and entered the Seminary in the fall of 1978.

The Men's II (45 years up) Sunday School Class requested permission to install cushions on the church pews, March 1978, which was approved and installed by Elbert Dixon, costing \$500.00. It was opened for contributions to anyone desiring to give toward the project. A selection of crushed velvet was made to match the carpet and Baptistry drape. The cushions added much comfort to the services.

Mr. Lonnie Parker was elected as Honorary Deacon, July 12, 1978 to serve as long as he remained a member of Love Memorial Baptist Church, as he had been active in many areas at Love Memorial.

The Sunday School Director, Phyllis Moore, planned a "Kick-Off" Pig Picking Sept. 3, 1978 for the new Sunday School year. Tickets were sold prior to that date and the pig was cooked by Bobby and Edna Tyndall. Booths were set up with posters, brochures etc., depicting the various functions of WMU, Acteens, Hospitality, Bereavement, Training Union, Sundry School, Botherhood, Music, Properties Committee etc. The purpose of the "Kick-Off" was to further acquaint everyone with the Committees and functions of the church. In each booth each Committee was represented to answer questions and give out brochures. Prior to the dinner everyone gathered in the sanctuary and a brief devotion was given. Each Committee was recognized, followed by the blessing for the food. The Hospitality Committee furnished the slaw and hush puppies. It was a huge success, as well as being informative. The barbecue was delicious.

Rev. Frank N. Bowers tendered his resignation August 27, 1978 effective September 24, 1978, being called to serve Parkton Baptist Church, in Parkton, N. C. A program and covered dish dinner was planned by the Hospitality Committee. Edna Moore, compiled "This is Your Life for the past 10 years", which was a surprise to the Bower Family. Phyllis Moore was the emcee. Out-of-town guests were invited. Rev. Bowers' mother and some of his family came and made the evening complete. Several of the members participated in the program as we relived the past ten years. The first secretary, Pat Cyrus, returned for this occasion from West Virginia, along with the first Summer Youth Corp worker, Steven Crouse. It was a time of fun as well as sadness with a delicious cover dish supper for the Bowers family.

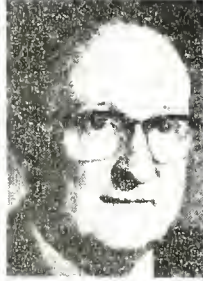
A tape was made of the program and a gift was presented (a radio with the name plate from Love Memorial) to the Bowers family by Charles Fortner, chairman of Deacons. Also a book of "This Is Your Life" with photographs was given them along with a charm bracelet to Mrs. Bowers. A love offering in the amount of \$200.00 was taken and given them also.

The Bowers family packed up and moved to Parkton and Edna Moore, church secretary was briefed on the work that Rev. Bowers had been doing, leaving a key ring full of keys marked with the responsibility of compiling the bulletin, operating the tempermental memograph machine which to this point only Rev. Bowers operated. Charlie Fortner, chairman of Deacons, stepped in and called Rev. Eugene Hager, Superintendent of Missions to be the Homecoming speaker for October 1, 1978 and Rev. Guy Cain, a retired minister from Raleigh who became the Interim Pastor, speaking October 8, 1978. The Church elected Rev. Cain unanimously as the Interim Pastor October 15, 1978 and he was paid \$55.00 a week. (Mr. Lonnie Parker was elected as the official representative of Love Memorial to visit the hospitals and sick during the interim period without a pastor). Rev. Cain served through the month of November and stated in his last sermon this was the shortest interim period he had ever served, and had more sermons he had wanted to preach here.

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Former Annuity Secretary Dies

North Carolina Baptist leader Guy S. Cain died Sunday, April 29 at age 79. After graduating from Wake Forest college in 1928 he taught in the public schools and was a high school principal in Forsyth county for 10 years. He then served as pastor of First church, Graham, for eight years. Then, after serving four years in associational missions, Cain lived in Boone for seven years working for the promotion division of the state convention.



Cain

Beginning in 1962, Cain served until his retirement in 1972 as secretary of the Annuity Programs for North Carolina Baptists. Tabernacle church in Raleigh was one of several churches Cain served as interim pastor during his retirement years. The family requests that any memorial gifts be made through the Cooperative Program, c/o Tabernacle church, 118 S. Person St., Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Flossie Sloan Cain; sons, Guy A. Cain of Burlington; Max G. Cain, Montgomery, Ala.; Harold Sloan Cain, Hamptonville; Thomas S. Cain, Winston-Salem; daughter, Mrs. Alice Cain Quattrocchi of Columbia, Mo.; two brothers and two sisters; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rev. Guy Cain served Love Memorial as Interim Pastor - October 8, 1978 - November 30, 1978

A Pulpit Committee was selected consisting of Bill Moore, (chairman) Joeann Ault, Gerald Batts, Jean Carson, (secretary) Calvin Peedin and Jean Cox. This Committee was allotted 15¢ a mile to travel and finances for one meal from the Church, to go listen to various ministers whose names had been given to the Committee, with their resume'.

The Pulpit Committee visited several churches, and listened to several ministers before they returned with the minister from Chocowinity, who they felt was the pastor for Love Memorial. A reception date was set for November 11, 1978 and letters were sent to the entire membership. The church was filled to meet and hear Rev. Morris N. Page. His wife, Louise, and their three children, Greg, Laura, and Jessica accompanied him, who were introduced to the membership Saturday evening at the reception and motel accommodations were made for them at Wayne Motel. Rev. Page preached his trial sermon to the congregation, November 12, 1978. A special morning conference was held Sunday morning, November 19, 1978, and Bill Moore, chairman of the Pulpit Committee recommended we call Rev. Morris N. Page, as pastor. The church voted to call him with 92.5% voting yes. In keeping with our Constitution and By-Laws, Rev. Page was to have 2 weeks vacation and the privilege of conducting 2 revival meetings annually. Rev. Page was notified and he accepted the call to become our Pastor, beginning December 1, 1978, with the base salary of \$10,400.00; \$1,200.00 Car Allowance; \$1,040.00 retirement; and \$600.00 for utilities with a total package of \$15,640.00 per year.

Upon completion of the cushions for the sanctuary pews, Elbert Dixon made a donation to the church with which a video camera and VCR was purchased. It has been used to video various events, like the note burning, singing in the park and Christmas cantatas. It will be used more for the history of Love Memorial, in the future.



Rev. Morris Page, his wife Louise and children, Gregory, Laura, and Jessica.

The Parsonage was in need of paint before the new pastor's arrival. The members had begun to paint the inside of the parsonage and Rev. Page called and would be arriving earlier than expected. The Properties Committee arranged for members who were willing to paint and ladies who would shampoo the carpets to come and complete the inside of the parsonage. One member lent her housecleaning lady to clean the kitchen. Rev. Page and his family arrived in Goldsboro using a U-Haul truck with members of Chocowinity Baptist Church helping him move. Rev. Page, his wife and three children were here in Mar-Mac ready to start their work and serve Love Memorial.

Rev. Page loaned the church a dictaphone, ansering service, duplicator and PA system for their use for the cost of upkeep of the equipment, which was put to good use.

Shortly thereafter a donation of a PA System was made by the Bevell Family in 1978. This enabled the Nursery Workers to hear the Morning and Evening Messages. Mrs. Kate Campbell who had been in the Nursery for 7 years unable to hear the messages, was so thrilled over being able to hear God's Word. She became a member of Love Memorial, January 13, 1980 and continued to look after the children she had learned to love as her own.

The Parking lots each Wednesday evening were filled with ball players leaving no place for those attending church services to park, especially on Church Business Meeting evenings. A sign was made and the parking lot nearest the church was reserved for Church Business Meetings once a month.

The Church is located on a Private road and therefore responsible for the upkeep of the road. The Properties Committee got an estimate of \$1,143.00 to repair 85 feet of resurfacing on April 18, 1979. Meeting with church approval the work was done by Barrus, resurfacing the section near Old Grantham Road. Financial help was requested from the Park and The Thompson family, who lived on the road and neither would help financially on the repair.

February 1979, two deacons resigned, Charles Fortner, Chairman of Deacons and Ray Ferree. Mr. Ferree also resigned as Parliamentarian. Gary Bevell was elected to serve out the unexpired term as Parliamentarian. Bill Cox and Charles McRae were elected to fill the vacancies left by the deacons.

The Properties and Fellowship Hall Committees got busy and drew up some guidelines for the Fellowship Hall, in December 1978 to clarify any problems in using the Fellowship Hall. The Guidelines written by the two committees were submitted to the Church Business Meeting, which were not approved as a \$15.00 fee was included for the use of the Fellowship Hall for electricity and clean-up to be paid by everyone using the fellowship hall for weddings etc. The Committees met again, and the following guidelines were re-submitted and were approved April 18, 1979.

FELLOWSHIP HALL BY-LAWS

The Fellowship Hall Committee and Properties Committee met and jointly proposed we adopt the following by-laws for the operation of the Fellowship Hall:

1. The Fellowship Hall will be used only for Church related functions except for those specifically approved by the Church. Users are requested to clean-up the facilities immediately after the activity so the facility would be ready for church use.
2. There is to be NO SMOKING in the Church Building.
3. Only the all metal chairs will be loaned out.
4. We ask that users of Fellowship Hall and/or equipment be responsible for any damages.
5. When the Fellowship Hall is booked a copy of the By-Laws will be given to the one who does the booking.

Fellowship Hall Committee	Properties Committee
Doris Jernigan	Edna Moore
Ray Ferree	Bill Moore
Rev. Morris Page	Linwood Thompson
	James Medlin

(Church Business Meeting Approval - April 18, 1979)
Love Memorial Baptist Church
298 Woodland Church Road
Goldsboro, N. C.

Love Memorial Baptist Church Rules for Weddings

Love Memorial Baptist Church facilities are to be used for the Worship of the Lord and for the fellowship of the members. However, there are times when these facilities are requested for use by others for occasions such as weddings. Whether the facilities are used by members or non-members, the Fellowship Hall By-Laws, adopted by the Church in Business Meeting on April 18, 1979, will apply. In addition to these by-laws, the following rules will apply for weddings:

1. Members of Love Memorial Baptist will put up a \$35.00 deposit to ensure that the pulpit

furniture is returned to proper place, sanctuary is left in order in which found, and fellowship hall and kitchen are left in good order. If this is done, deposit will be returned.

(However, should the church members reserving the facilities choose to have the church custodian perform this task, thus leaving him/her free of the responsibility, the deposit will go to the custodian, since this is a job in addition to his/her normal duties).

2. Persons who are Not Love Memorial Baptist Church members will be charged a fee of \$50.00 for the use of the Sanctuary Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. There is no refundable deposit for non-members and the custodians will replace the furniture and clean the facilities.
3. (The custoidans will receive \$35.00 for their having to perform these tasks not normally associated with their job. \$15.00 will go towards the utilities, use of church equipment, and wear and tear on facilities.)

Permission was given Southern Wayne Woman's Club to meet in the Fellowship Hall the first Tuesday of each month for a period of a year, April 18, 1979.

Again in 1979, Love Memorial applied for a Youth Worker and were notified-more churches had applied for Youth Workers than youth workers were available and Love Memorial would not be assigned on in 1979. Rev. Page endeavored to find a youth worker, as the youth were great in number and there was a great need at Love Memorial. The funds were made available, and a committee was formed to select a worker for Church approval. Many calls were made by the Pastor and a youth worker came available through the Youth Corp, and the Selection Committee was not needed. Rick Allison, from East Carolina University, technically didn't qualify, being from a State school, but was approved by the State Baptist Convention and \$450.00 was received from the Convention for half of his salary. He was 22 years old and planned to go to the Seminary the following year. He arrived May 19, 1979, for a visit and returned in June to begin his 10 weeks with the youth. He did a terrific job with the youth, which had a large group to go to Camp Caswell in Southport. Upon Rick's

return from Caswell he was requested to stay on as Minister of Education and Youth which he accepted for weekends, while attending the Seminary at a salary of \$50.00 a week, with a furnished room he had occupied during the summer, with meals furnished by the membership. There was not a binding contract, and if his studies got too much he could stop at anytime. He was called to start September 1, 1979. On September 30, 1979 he resigned. He later married Lisa Carson, a member of Love Memorial in August 1981.

The glass on the bulletin board in front of the Sanctuary kept getting broken by vandals and plexiglass replaced it, but even it was broken by boys with rocks. It was decided not to replace it again. Janie Poarch painted the lettering on the board in 1987.

A gift of \$25.00 was given to a burned out family in March 1979, by Love Memorial Baptist Church. In the community the church has always tried to give a helping hand in times of need.

A Deacons Retreat was planned for all active deacons, as well as all ordained deacons not in office and their wives/husbands to go to Camp CaRaway for the weekend of July 28, 1979. The speaker's expenses were paid by the church and the deacons financed their own expenses of \$22.50 per person, which included room and board. Mr. Lucas, Director of Church Programs was the speaker and was paid \$125.00. The Retreat was to help the deacons better to perform their duties. The deacons and wives who participated were N. B. Perkins, Russell Ault, Joeann Ault, Linwood Thompson, Joyce Thompson, Bill Moore, Edna Moore, Bill Cox, Jean Cox, Ollie Minchew, Rose Minchew, Rev. and Mrs. Morris Page.

Love Memorial recommended that Greg Page be accepted to study the ministry at Fruitland Bible Institute.

Pete Smith was elected Park Director to serve the unexpired term of Kenneth Strickland. Patrolling the park was taken care of by some of the men during the ball games to control the conduct. Bobby Holland stated at a Business Meeting "The Park didnot belong to any one person or group, and he hoped that the Church and Park would work together (July 11, 1979). At this time Bobby Holland was Park Director. His information was incorrect as the property on which

the Park was located was Church property and made the final decision on any activity that was held. There was a Pancake and Sausage Supper at Providence Methodist Church to raise money to build a concession stand and restrooms for the little league field. Everyone was requested to help by buying tickets for the supper, as \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00 was needed. Love Memorial always supported the Park activities and this was no exception.

Bobby Tyndall's daughter was planning to be married June 20, 1980, and desired to have the wedding at Love Memorial with the reception in the Fellowship Hall. The family had been attending but were not members. Permission was requested on Feb. 13, 1980 at a Church Business Meeting for their use of the Church. After a discussion it was postponed for approval until the next business meeting which was March 12, 1980. When the Fellowship Hall by-laws were reviewed, written and approved in 1975, they were ammended to give weddings and receptions an exclusion from the 30 day notice required, since much more time was necessary for planning a wedding. A vote was taken with 16 voting for approval of them using it and 17 against, so the motion failed. Another motion was made that the Tyndall wedding be an exception to the rule, being he had worked with the Park as Director in close association with Love Memorial and the family was attending church here. Upon another vote it carried and the wedding took place on achedule.

Dawn Rollins was elected as Church Recording Secretary, after Eunice Ferree had so ably served for five years. At the October 1979 Business Meeting, Russell Ault, Moderator announced a Revival to be held Sunday (October 28-November 1, 1979) thru Thursday, with Rev. Billy Sloop, pastor of Seven Springs Baptist Church, being the guest speaker, with cottage prayer meetings being held prior to the revival. A Motion was made by Ray Ferree and seconded by Dixie Parker that we cancel the Revival, due to the fact that the Revival had not been voted on prior to arrangements being made. A vote was called for which was defeated to cancel the Revival, and Rev. Page explained that Brother Sloop did not respond to the invitation in time for Church approval. "In times past, it was not a procedure to bring a revival before the body for a vote, but would become policy in the future." stated the Moderator, Russell Ault.

The Neuse Associational Council was invited to meet at Love Memorial, December 3, 1979 at 6:30 p.m. with the Hospitality Committee planning and preparing an evening meal for \$1.50 per person. They served a splendid meal to approximately 100 people who attended.

The GA's under the direction of Mrs. Louise Page requested permission to have Linwood Thompson build a cross from mahogany wood, which she was contributing to be placed above the Baptistry. A discussion followed, as would it match the decor, and when decided it would blend nicely, permission was granted and the cross was made and placed over the baptistry in February 1980, which has been enjoyed and admired by all who have worshipped at Love Memorial.

Love Memorial sent \$20.00 to First African Baptist Church for their advertisement in their programs for the N. C. General Baptist Convention that was held in Goldsboro at First African in the fall of 1979.

On an October Saturday afternoon in 1979 a water bill of \$2,000.00 was received and the shock of it prompted a call to the Property Committee to check for the problem. A ruptured water line in front of the old building was discovered and the Property Committee and other men of the church came to repair it. The Water Department was contacted and they adjusted the water bill to \$800.00, which was a great help, but even then the cost was much greater than any previous water bill ever received.

After temporarily removing himself from the position of Moderator, Russell Ault announced that he and Rev. Morris Page had attended the Park Meeting earlier in the week (Business Meeting May 7, 1980). They discovered that there were many misunderstandings that were causing problems between Love Memorial Church and Love Memorial Park. A letter was written to the Park Committee advising them of items which were creating disention. After much discussion as to its proposed contents it was decided the following would be included in the letter:

1. Set aside park activities for our revival. They will be asked not to schedule any activity or play or practice during this weekend of May 30 to June 1.
2. Wednesday play - we are not being notified of all make-up games on Wednesday nights, during prayer meeting time as set forth in the original agreements. We will ask that this be done for the balance of this season. For the 1981 season, we will request no activity be scheduled for Wednesday nights.
3. We will request the Park Committee's cooperation in seeing that there is no loitering in the picnic area at night and request that they respect the 10:30 p.m. curfew.
4. We will offer our appreciation for their efforts in policing the area and keeping it clean in the past and ask that they continue this.
5. Request there be no parking along either side of the road for safety of children.
6. Request that they advise us of any changes in church property, such as overflow parking areas, before the changes are actually made.
7. Request that they respect neighbors property on outlying edge of ballfield and be responsible for damages.

J. P. Stevens were allowed the use of the Fellowship Hall for their breakfast promotional meetings monthly, for the past 6 months, as well as the Red Cross to have their blood drives here and also the Southern Wayne Woman's Club. They all met here which promoted good church-community relationship.

In 1978 the Bold State Missions offerings were combined - covering Children's Homes, State Missions, Baptist Colleges, Baptist Hospitals, Homes for the Ageing and Heck-Jones. The Goal for Love Memorial was set at \$1,000.00. It seemed a terrific goal for Love Memorial, but with the 5 week emphasis the Bold State Missions Goal was surpassed.

Love Memorial gave the pews a new uplift on the backs by adding the 183 new Baptist Hymnals (Purchased for \$3.75 each at a Book Store in Ayden) replacing the ones that were here, on March 1979. Rev. Page made a donation of Pew Bibles for each pew to be used during the Morning and Evening Worship services.

Cottage Prayer meetings were held in the homes, prior to Revival held April 4-8, 1979. Rev. Jack Mullins from the Sandy Creek Association was the visiting speaker. Following the final service of the revival on Sunday, dinner was served on the grounds.

The Neuse Association purchased an off-set printer, which Love Memorial contributed \$100.00. The churches in the Association may save money by using it for printing stationary, hand bills etc. for \$1.00 plus paper.

A "Mother's Day Out" was started and tried on March 12, 1980, having the Nursery open from 9:00 - 12:00 noon one day a week. Kate Campbell, Nursery worker for Love Memorial kept the nursery for \$12.00 a day. This was open to anyone in the community, who desired a sitter for appointments, grocery shopping etc. and was supported by contributions from the mothers bringing their children. However after about 6 months there weren't enough Mothers with small children coming to support this venture and it was discontinued.

Tim Short, a student of Wingate College was assigned as Summer Youth Corp worker who arrived in June 1980 for 10 weeks of Bible Study, Bible School, Camp Caswell, beach trips climaxed with a drama by the youth. Like all the summers before with a Youth Corp worker the youth numbered 25-30, and were enthusiastic and enriched by the summer.

A yearly function of the Genoa-Grantham Ministerial Association was the Easter Sunrise Service which was held in the Park at Love Memorial, April 6, 1980. Rev. John White, Pastor of Emmaus Baptist Church conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Morris Page, and Rev. Frank Jessup from Rhodes Friends Church. It was well attended.

Love Memorial is always on the move and when there is an enriching time available, plans can be altered to take advantage of an opportunity. This was the case of May 14, 1980, when the regular business meeting was changed in order for those desiring to hear Jim Erwin's testimony and experiences as an astronaut, who was speaking at Madison Baptist Church. A bus load of Youth and Adults attended

which was an enlightening evening, for both youth and adults alike.

In May 1980 the Church purchased paint for the sanctuary building exterior to be painted. Ollie Minchew, Properties Chairman requested volunteers to help paint. He received very little help, but he kept painting until the job was completed.

Some of the articles in the Constitution and By-Laws need clarification and a Committee was selected to revise it. The Committee consisted of George Wilson, chairman; John Carson, Russell Ault, Bill Cox and Pastor Morris Page who updated and revised it which was approved September 10, 1980. A copy was given to each family and new members as they joined.

Another rocking chair was purchased (costing \$35.00) for the Nursery as there were now two nursery workers, who were Mrs. Kate Campbell, and Mrs. Grace Harrell. Due to the increase of nursery age children, additional help was needed, and the babies needed to be rocked!

Reynold Jernigan, who had served us well as treasurer, for four years, resigned as he was moving out of this area. Lloyd Purvis was elected treasurer. He served almost a year when he had to resign for health reasons. Mrs. Ruth Howell who had served as treasurer from 1963-1976 (with the exception of when she was relieved for eye surgery Aug. - Oct. 1976 by Edna Moore who served as treasurer until her recovery) was elected treasurer again.

Rev. Morris N. Page tendered his resignation, October 5, 1980 to go into Evangelism, effective November 4, 1980. During his pastorate, Rev. Page brought a great deal of spirituality to the church membership. A love offering was taken and presented to Rev. Page for our appreciation for his service as our pastor. Rev. Page and his family continued to live in the parsonage until a pastor was called. March 15, 1981 Rev. Page was asked if he desired to rent the parsonage for \$250.00 a month effective April 1, 1981, as a pastor had been called. As of this time he had not been paying rent. He remained in the parsonage paying rent from April 1 until August 1981, when he purchased a house in the Rosewood area.

Gregory Page was recommended by the Deacons to be licensed to preach, and approved by the Church. He was presented his license November 2, 1980, by his father, Rev. Morris N. Page.

Rev. John W. White, Sr., who had recently left the pastorate at Emmaus Baptist Church in Dudley to attend Campbell University was suggested to fill the pulpit November 9, 1980. Following the Morning Worship Service, November 23, 1980, Rev. White was elected unanimously as Interim Pastor. He took care of all hospital visits, weddings and funerals at a salary of \$100.00 a week plus \$25.00 for transportation.

A Pulpit Committee was formed consisting of George Wilson, Dawn Rollins, Delma Jackson, Ruth Howell, Linwood Thompson, and Calvin Peedin who served as Chairman of the Committee.

As Rev. White continued to preach, as Interim, the membership grew to love him, and related their feelings to the Pulpit Committee as "why can't we call Rev. John White as our full-time pastor". This was a little unusual, but they approached Rev. White about becoming the Pastor of Love Memorial, and he consented, meeting the approval of the Church. Letters were sent out and a reception was planned, for all to come and meet Rev. John White and his family. On March 8, 1981, Rev. John W. White was called as Pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church. He was allowed to continue his schooling at Campbell University and to live in his own home. Rev. White stated that Love Memorial would be his top responsibility. (There were 66 votes cast to call Rev. White and 97% voted yes to call him). He accepted the call.

The work at Love Memorial was always exciting to Rev. White and he expressed that many times, and had it added to the bulletin "The Most Exciting Church in Goldsboro".



Rev. John W. White, his wife, Ann, and children Bill, Andrea, Stanley and Meredith

Fred Claypool, Properties Committee chairman, arranged an open meeting with the Park Council (Gerald Robasse, chairman) and presented the following rules:

1. That the scope of the present softball program is too large. The original concept of the softball program was to provide recreation for the local community. It was to be a time of fun and fellowship between local Churches. In recent years, local churches and non-professional local softball players have been excluded from team rosters. It is the desire of the church to return to the original concepts that the Park Committee was founded upon.
2. The parking situation during the playing of softball is a matter of great concern. Parking, double and triple, is evident along the shoulders of the road. This condition exists even when available parking lots have ample places to park. Children of parents playing soft ball roam freely among these parked cars, and the

probability of an accident is great.

3. Ball playing on Wednesday evening, for any reason, will not be permitted this season.
4. In the event that you committee decided to move the softball field to another location, it is requested that Bryan Field be restored to its original condition following removal of all park committee property.

The Park Committee decided to move the ballfield to Buckhorn Road on February 11, 1981. The church allowed the Park Committee to move the bleachers, fence, lights and other equipment. The restrooms were torn down by the committee and ballfield closed.

The picnic shelter in the pines, built by the Southern Wayne Woman's Club was damaged by misuse and was torn down in 1980 and has not been replaced although it has been discussed at various times.

Curtis Jackson, Durwood Johnson and Bill Moore, trustees met with Aetna Life and Casualty Company to inquire about increased insurance coverage. They were able to get the same coverage as Houser Insurance with a 25% discount to be returned each year if a claim had not been filed. The church property was valued at \$275,000.00 in 1980.

Love Memorial has always been known to give a helping hand to other churches when the need arose. New Life Baptist Church, a newly organized church in the Association, was endeavoring to purchase property on George Street and a love offering was taken for them November 16, 1980.

Rev. Eugene Hager, Director of Missions, was invited to speak at a Business Meeting on the Wake Forest Issue. Each year Wake Forest automatically received 6% of the Cooperative Program donations. Due to the charter changes in Wake Forest, and accepting funds from the Government sources, the school is no longer eligible to receive an automatic 6% of all contributions. A vote was needed to continue to designate funds to Wake Forest, but Love Memorial chose not to support the College.

At Christmas (1980), three children were adopted from Social Services as a Christmas project along with a widow lady who needed oil. Food baskets were prepared and gifts were given them at Christmas.

The Brotherhood (Bill Cox, Director) ordered 100 pink and white dogwood trees February 1981 and the men of the church set them out on the church property. The trees were paid for by anyone desiring to purchase a tree for the church beautification. The response was great. The summer was a dry one and some of the trees did not survive. Additional trees were purchased to beautify the grounds, replacing the others.

The Library which had been located in the Annex building was moved to the sanctuary building in November 1980, so it could be put to better use. A piano was also moved into the library later to be used for practice prior to Morning Worship service.

As summer rolled around in 1981, Love Memorial was not fortunate enough to get a Youth Corp Summer worker, but decided with the number of youth here at Love Memorial there was a need for a worker for the Youth. Rev. White sought out a student from Campbell University. Stephen Burrow was selected and came June 1, 1981, and worked the summer through August 8, 1981, being paid \$125.00 a week, taking care of the evening meals, and living in the church room provided. The youth did backyard Bible school, Bible Study, had beach trips, played putt-putt, and presented a drama entitled "The Lord's Prayer" at the end of the summer. There were 20 who went to Caswell for a week in August. Following the Caswell week, Stephen Burrow was married to Denise McLamb of New Bern, on August 8, 1981, and the youth attended the wedding. The young couple returned to Wayne County to make their home and to Love Memorial, became members and were very active in the Lord's work. Later he was ordained here at Love Memorial and was called to Bolivia Baptist Church as their pastor.

Each year it was an annual event to have an ice-cream fellowship (Race Relations Sunday) and worship service with First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro. There were approximately 50 in attendance on August 12, 1981. They would alternate each year having it at First African and Love Memorial, having the visiting minister speak and both churches would have special music from their various choirs.

Dr. Isaac Horton was the pastor of First African Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

The Fellowship Hall was in need of paint. The paint was purchased by the church and volunteer members furnished the labor. They did such a good job that another gallon of paint was purchased for the kitchen, then the Nursery. There seemed there was no stopping there -- the 2-3 year old class room, along with the Pastor's Study and secretaries office as well were painted. It all looked so nice and new. Those taking part in the painting were: Charles Fortner, Doris Jernigan, Biddie Stanley, Teresa Godwin, Bill Forsythe, Calvin Godwin, Lisa Carson, Rick Allison, Edna Moore, Jean Carson, Linwood Thompson and Rev. John White. It was a great time all working together.

As Love Memorial did not have a mural behind the Baptistry, Rev. White stated on September 9, 1981, there was an anonymous family who desired to donate funds for a Jordan River Mural scene to be painted. He stated if anyone else desired to be a part could also contribute. There was \$90.00 contributed toward this project and the balance was paid by the anonymous family.

The Properties Committee met with Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole, who painted murals & a selection was made costing \$1,250.00. Work was begun with Linwood Thompson placing plywood behind the baptistry to be painted on. The Baptistry Mural was completed and dedicated on Homecoming Day, October 11, 1981. The Biblical significance of the painting is as follows: This is the land where Jesus ministered. This is where He caused the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. This is the land He taught the multitudes the way of everlasting life. This is the land of Bethlehem where He was born, the River of Jordan where He was baptised and the land of the Holy City of Jerusalem where He was crucified, rose from the dead and ascended up into Heaven. This painting has Biblical significance not only for its association with the events of the New Testament, but also for its rich heritage in wanderings, it was the Jordan River, which they crossed in order to enter the long awaited promised land. The waters of the Jordan miraculously parted



Baptistry Scene as painted in Oct. 1981
(Pictured are Rev. Julian Mills and Kyle Foster)



Rick Allison, Youth Summer Worker
in 1979 (See Page 50.)

for the Isrealites (Joshua, Chapters 3 and 4). It parted for Elijah and Elisha (II Kings 2:6-14) Naaman bathed in the Jordan for healing of leprosy (II Kings 5:10-14). Because of the great Biblical significance of the painting of Jordan, let's remember all of these, when we see the Jordan River scene, and let it bring God closer to each of you.

This seemed to excite Love Memorial and everyone wanted to be a part and do something for the Lord.

The organ, given to Love Memorial by our Mother Church had been discussed from time to time and a new organ was thought to be needed. An organ fund was started September 9, 1981 with \$259.00 from the Memorial Fund account. Russell Ault stated all contributions given between October 14 and Christmas would be matched. As the last payment of \$111.00 was paid on the parsonage, November 1981, it was voted to continue taking this amount each month and adding to the Organ Fund Account, until enough was contributed to purchase an organ. An Organ Committee was elected consisting of Joyce Thompson, Choir Director; Betty Jackson, Organist; Joeann Ault, Music Director; George Wilson, Russell Ault, N. B. Perkins and Rev. John White. The Organ Fund began to grow and the Committee began to research organs to establish a goal. A decision was made, April 15, 1982 to purchase the Allen Organ at the price of \$16,375.00 of which 1/3 was to be paid when the order was placed, 1/3 to be paid upon installation and the final 1/3 balance to be paid in 30 days. By this date when the Allen organ was chosen as the one which would best suit the needs, there was \$5,956.03 in the Organ Fund. When the fund reached \$6,000.00 it was placed in First Financial Bank at 13% interest on a 6 month certificate (Feb. 10, 1982). The final payment on the organ was due and the funds had not come in. Russell Ault paid the final payment, being repaid when the tax refund was returned.

The Organ was installed and ready for Homecoming October 1982. The Conn Organ, which was the one we had, was given to Bethel Baptist Church, Hertford, N. C. to continue to be used in the Lord's work. (The Youth Summer worker, Malene Middleton's father was the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, and had

heard the organ played, and had asked we keep them in mind when we were looking for a home for it). They were notified and came for the organ immediately. They were so pleased and a note of thanks and appreciation, dated October 1, 1982 stated there were members waiting for the organ to arrive from Goldsboro and wanted to hear it played immediately - they were so pleased that a fellow Baptist church would actually give them an organ! Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive!

The Neuse Association consists of 35 churches of which Love Memorial is a part (covering Wayne, Green, Lenior and Duplin Counties). It did not have an Associational flag. All Associations were requested to bring their flags to the State Baptist Convention in 1981. Ideas were requested from all churches in the Association, as well as volunteers that might like to make the flag. The Associational WMU decided to take on the project with Mrs. Lucy Pittman, as Director. Edna Moore in talking with Mrs. Jean Kirk, Associational Secretary asked about the flag and learned the design had been selected, but a volunteer was still needed to make it. The design had been sent to a company for an estimate to make it and they had just received an estimate of \$300.00, which was not in the WMU budget. Mrs. Pittman contacted Edna Moore, who was given the privilege of making the flag. Upon its completion the flag was proudly taken, by Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Director of Missions for the Neuse Association, to the State Convention representing each of us.

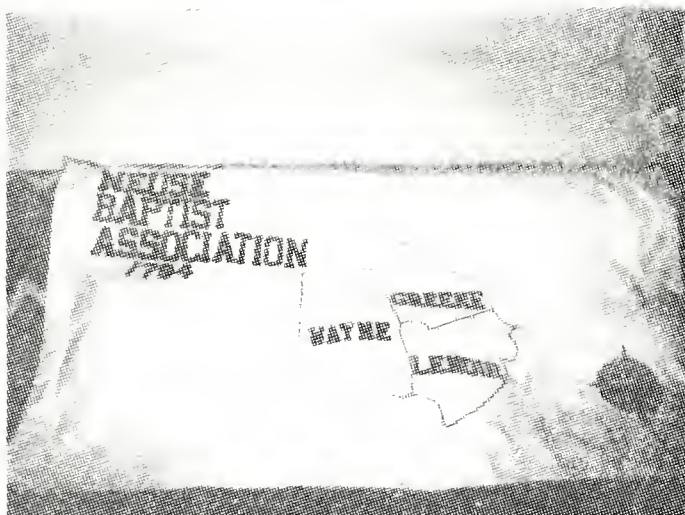
The two faced flag was made for the cost of materials which was \$37.50. A peuter plate inscribed SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR MAKING ASSOCIATION FLAG 1981 NEUSE ASSOCIATION WMU was presented to Edna Moore at the Spring WMU meeting which was a delightful surprise to Edna Moore.

(The Neuse Association Flag was desined by Rev. Bill Brown, Pastor of Snow Hill Baptist Church, in Snow Hill, N.C.0



Betty at Organ

Betty Jackson at the new Organ
October 1982



Neuse Association Flag

The RA's under the direction of Roger Carlson, and the Crusaders (Grades 1-6) went to Campbell University, September 9, 1981. They also had a Christmas float in the Christmas Parade representing Love Memorial Baptist Church. They raised \$300.00 for Lottie Moon by having a Walk-a-thon.

There were shades on the windows in the sanctuary installed by N. B. Perkins, when his daughter Vickie was married in 1978, which worked well for candlelight weddings, but weren't rolling well, and needed replacing. The Properties Committee contacted Melba Batts, a member of Love Memorial who worked with a Carpet Company. She suggested mini blinds and gave a cost price of \$656.00 for mini blinds installed at no extra cost, by she and her husband, Gerald. This was approved by the Church Business meeting August 1981. They were installed just in time for Lisa Carson's and Rick Allison's wedding.

A Special Conference was held March 15, 1981, to elect deacons and to license John Michael Carson to preach. The deacons were elected by 95% vote. John Michael Carson, who had been a member of Love Memorial since August 19, 1973 was unanimously elected to be licensed to preach. He had grown up here, graduated from Mars Hill and South eastern Seminary. He had been a member of the choir, Sunday School teacher, active in the Youth Program and well known to all. He was licensed April 15, 1981.



John Michael Carson

On April 8, 1981 at a Business Meeting George Wilson, chairman of Deacons presented a recommendation from the deacons to license Calvin lee P. Godwin to preach. A vote was to be taken March 15, 1981, but since there might be some objections it was not thought feasible to have a disruption following Sunday Morning Worship Service. Calvin was granted an opportunity to make a rebutal statement which he stated he had asked God's forgiveness and desired the full support of the Church to license him to preach. A statement was made "He that is without sin, cast the first stone" and the vote was taken which was enough voting yes to license him, but it was not unanimous. He was licensed May 1981.

The ceilings of the sanctuary building were sagging and the Properties Committee contacted Cecil Gregory to remove and replace ceilings in 6 rooms with sheetrock, replacing moldings and painting at a cost of \$1,119.00. More insulation was needed costing \$830.00, which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ault. All the ceilings were removed and it was a really dirty time to work around in the office. It was good this was all done at one time, as Mr. Gregory stated he wouldn't want to tackle that job again. The job was completed July 1981. The fellowship hall had been done prior to this date by Emma and Bob Owen.

Rev. White was elected acting moderator, to preside at the Business Meetings while Russell Ault was away working in California temporarily.

The Revivals held during the time Rev. White served as Pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church and the evangelists were as follows:

- May 17-20, 1981 - Rev. Dick Westbrook, Shilow Baptist Church
- Nov. 8-11, 1981 - Rev. Billy Webb, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Elm City, N. C.
- March 14-17, 1982 - Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Director of Missions of the Neuse Assoc.
- Oct. 17-20, 1982 - Rev. Charles Clay, Chase City, Va.
- Apr. 17-20, 1983 - World Missions Conference -
Rev. Mauricia Vargas, Faye Bragg,
Eugene Warwick, Willie Berry, Jr.,
Hubert Middleton
- Aug. 28, 1983 - Rev. Ken Jones, Adamsville Baptist Church Youth Minister
- Apr. 29 - May 1, 1984 - Rev. Mike Ester, South Erwin Baptist Church, Erwin, N. C.

A Bus Ministry was tried, but never could get off the ground and was dissolved August 1981.

The trailer which was used for Sunday School classrooms was no longer needed and December 1981, the church decided to try and find a sale for it. June 1982, the Association met at Love Memorial. At that time Rev. White took the opportunity to announce the trailer for sale to anyone interested could turn in a bid of at least \$500.00. Trinity Baptist Church needed more Sunday School classrooms and turned in a bid of \$525.00. The trailer was sold to Trinity and moved there. The transaction was handled by the trustees.

As the church had been a comfort to the Kenneth Deaver family when he was injured, his wife Betty wanted to give something back to the church. She gave of her time and taught the Red Cross CPR Course to 16 who were interested at no charge. Those taking the course were Doris Jernigan, Emma Owen, Rachel Rawls, Edna Moore, Biddie Stanley, Sheila Stanley, Lorena Bunn, Joyce Thompson, Ramona Horton, Stephen Burrow, Denise Burrow and Rev. John White.

Again in 1982, Love Memorial applied for a Summer Youth Worker. Unlike the previous years when a young man had been assigned, and we had placed them in the church building giving them a room in which to stay - this year was the year a young lady, Malene Middleton, a rising senior of Meredith College was to be the Summer Youth Worker. We were asked to pay \$8.64 to defray the cost of insurance to cover the 10 weeks she was here. We had always requested a boy with a car due to the living arrangements we have available here at the church, and a car due to the fact we are not in the city. We did not think the living quarters were safe for a young lady alone, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore offered her a room for the 10 weeks stay, having the options of accepting offers from others to stay with them also on weekends or overnight. Half of Malene's salary (\$45.00) was paid by the Church and the other half by the Convention (\$45.00). The church paid her gas expenses and the members were to invite her to their homes for the evening meal. As for a car, she was lent a car by Roger Carlson, which enabled her to go to the homes and to and from the church. She was involved

Friday, July 2, 1982



SUMMER WORKER —
Malene Middleton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Middleton of Hertford, is the summer youth worker at Love Memorial Baptist Church. She is a rising senior at Meredith College, majoring in Home Economics. She will be working with day camp, Vacation Bible School, musical drama, Bible study and various other activities this summer. This is Miss Middleton's second summer with the Youth Corps.

Malene Middleton
Our first young lady Youth Corp Worker



Mrs. Kate Campbell, Nursery Worker
Jan. 16, 1970 - June 25, 1982



Mrs. Linda Bunn, Nursery Worker
October 1982 - June 1986

with the Youth in Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, youth functions, beach trips, and a musical drama "Branches of the Vine" which was presented at the end of August. The youth who went to Caswell for a week were: Andrea Frost, Renee McRae, Glenda Moore, Jill Fortner, Ann McRae, Andi White, Lorie Carlson, Tammy Sapp, Michelle Sommerfeld, Cindy Russell, Donna Morley, Melonie Batts, Glenn Fortner, Kenny Lossman, Craig Smith and Ron Van Dyke. The musical drama was combined with a Baptist Church in Raleigh where Malene's sister was also a youth summer worker doing the same musical. The Musical was presented at Trinity Baptist Church, Love Memorial and Raleigh. It was a very eventful summer.

A Committee was elected to study the feasibility of hiring a full-time youth worker which included Ruth Howell, Bill Moore, Jill Fortner, and Peggy Bill. The findings of the Committee was unanimous that a Committee needed to be selected to find a full-time youth worker for 12 weeks in the summer with part-time flexible hours for the winter (40 weeks) who was qualified and trained in this field. Flexible hours meaning Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday nights carrying the title of Minister of Youth and Education.

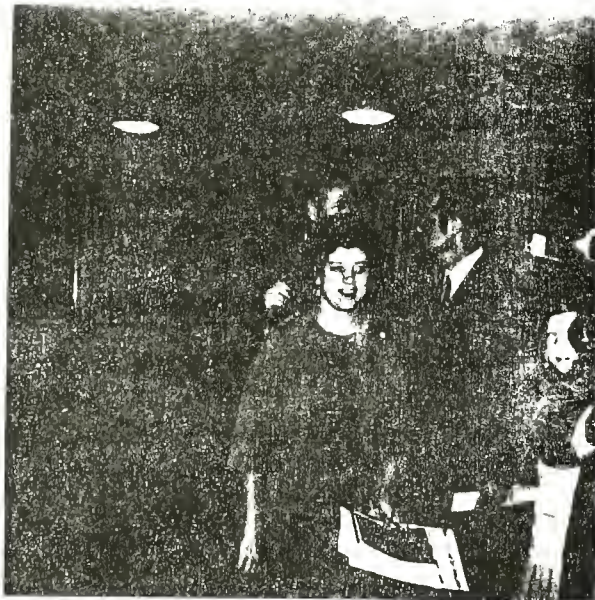
A Youth Minister Search Committee was selected consisting of Jean Cox (Chairman), Glenda Moore (representing the youth), Jean Carson, Wallace Horton, Roger Carlson and Rev. White. They went to Southeastern Seminary and interviewed some applicants, but no one was selected. They continued the search. Mrs. Jeanette Walters, who had worked in Kinston with youth and lived in the Mar-Mac Community was contacted. The salary was to be discussed with Mrs. Walters which was \$3,500.00 already in the 1983 budget for this position. It was recommended at the Church Business Meeting that we have a social for her, letting everyone meet her and the Hospitality Committee arranged the reception. She would need 2 months to find a replacement for her positions at New Life Baptist Church, if she was called. She would be elected as electing a pastor, which requires 3/4 of the attendance voting yes and one weeks notice prior to the vote in the bulletin. The reception was held and the youth and members met her. Mrs. Cox was to contact Mrs. Walters on the outcome. When Mrs. Cox contacted her, she was told she was not interested,

and the church withdrew her name. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Walters contacted the church office to see what the church had decided. She said she had not talked to anyone. As Roger Carlson had entered Mars Hill College and Glenda Moore had married and moved to Wilmington, and Mrs. Jean Cox resigned from the committee, there were 3 members to replace on the Committee. Kay Fortner, Toby Faucette, and Charles McRae were elected for this committee on October 12, 1983 to serve with Jean Carson and Wallace Horton, and Rev. White. No one was found for this position.

In 1982, Kate Campbell, Church Nursery worker, stated her heart wouldn't permit her to lift small children, as freely and she suggested we might like to get someone else to replace her, although she dearly loved the children. We had grown to love Mrs. Campbell and couldn't imagine being without her. We in turn got some of the youth to assist her each Sunday. She continued by having the children climb up on her rocking chair and sit in her lap or beside her to hear the Bible stories she would read to them each week. She worked through Vacation Bible School as usual everyday and after the last day (Friday) of VBS, she went home and was taken with her heart and passed away, June 25, 1982. Mrs. Campbell's daily devotion book was found in the Nursery where she had left it open where she had last read - Proverbs 31:10 (who can find a virtuous woman! for her price is far above rubies...) She was missed by all but especially the little ones who had been in the Nursery with her each week. The ladies of the Church took turns in the Nursery after Mrs. Campbell's death until we could locate another nursery worker. We knew we could not ever find another Mrs. Campbell, and found finding anyone was not an easy task. On October 1982, Mrs. Linda Bunn came and asked about being the nursery worker and was hired October 1982. working through June 1986. The Nursery Coordinator prepared a list of volunteers to keep the nursery for Sunday School, Morning Worship and Evening Worship, and Wednesday Evenings for Prayer Meeting and Choir. Until this date a Nursery worker has not been found, and volunteers are in the nursery each service.



Church Custodians
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Owen



Joeann Ault

Joeann Ault served as Newsletter Editor, (1970-88) when she came until the present date. She is the only Editor Love Memorial has had, although others have filled in when she was on vacation.

As Bill Moore, Chairman of Properties Committee, got enthusiastic and excited with some long-range plans and proposed plans to the Committee for Love Memorial, which were presented at the Church Business Meeting October 13, 1982. The enthusiasm spread. These were the dreams of the chairman and the committee:

1. Build a new sanctuary!
2. Move annex buildings to our lot next to the Parking lot to be used as parsonage or classrooms.
3. Remodel present building to include educational building.
4. Consider hiring a custodian (semi-full time 20-25 hours per week year round, with the responsibilities of church cleaning, minor maintenance/repairs, grass mowing, and general ground upkeep.)
5. Building a nice Picnic Shelter (old location or nearer church) if nearer church - what about swings.
6. Re-develop Ball Park - Church leagues only. The outgoing and incoming properties committee jointly made the following proposal. Put the church parsonage (305 Sherwood Circle) on the market to sell for 90 days; if not sold during this time period, then put it up for rent or sale. In the event this property does sell, then as part of this proposal that the money be used as follows: (1) pay off existing mortgage or (2) invest in CD's toward Building Fund for new sanctuary. Further the two committees recommended to sell the lot on Woodland Church Road for \$5,000.00. This money should be used same as money derived from Parsonage.

The Church voted to hire a custodian on November 10, 1982 for \$100.00 per week year round. At that time \$120.00 a month was being paid to the youth for cleaning and due to the fact that many of the youth had graduated and gone away to college we were lacking in enough youth to do the work every week. Bob Owen was recommended by Bill Moore to the Personnel Committee as custodian. Russ Ault, Bill Moore and the Pastor discussed the Custodian position with Bob Owen and he accepted the job for a year beginning January 1, 1983, with no fixed hours. The church was to be cleaned on Friday or Saturday for Sunday services. Anyone having any complaints or suggestions during the year contact the office or Properties Committee. At the April 13, 1983

Business Meeting it was voted to make the check payable to Mrs. Emma Owen for the custodian work, as they worked as a team.

The Properties Committee proposed the plan to re-establish the park (Dec. 8, 1982) and requested to fence the ball field, at a Church Business Meeting which met with some opposition and the motion was withdrawn.

The Parsonage was listed with a realtor for 3 months and since much clean-up work and maintenance was needing to be done to make it more saleable the time was extended so this could be done by the men of the church. The Committee was allowed \$1,000.00 to be used if necessary to get new linoleum for the kitchen, carpet taken up in the living room and other carpet cleaned as well as a general cleaning. (This was advised by Bill Cox, trustee in the July 13, 1983 Business Meeting).

In January 1983 the 1959 bus we were using was not as dependable as it once was, but had really served Love Memorial well. A Church family donated a 1968 bus (costing \$1,100.00) to be used by the church and youth. It was painted and lettered with Love Memorial Baptist Church on the side. The 1959 bus was sold and money put in the Youth account.

The January Bible Study (Book of Peter) was taught by Rev. John White on two consecutive Wednesday nights (Jan. 19, and 26). The youth ages 12 up were taught by Toby Faucette and Wallace Horton; Children 9-11 were taught by Stephen and Denise Burrow, and the younger children (6-8) were taught by Jean and Johnny Carson and preschool by Jenny Faucette and Joyce Thompson.

There was a Brotherhood breakfast (Jan. 22 - 7:30 a.m.) with Roger Merick, a Clemson football player, giving his testimony. He was also the speaker for Men's Day (Jan. 23). He worked with christian athletes.

Another Brotherhood breakfast (Feb. 19, 1983) had as their guest speaker, Mr. Jim Farmer.

The Youth had their Annual Valentine Banquet (Feb. 11, 1983), with tickets being sold and a King and Queen were crowned, and new officers for the Youth Council were announced. Youth Sunday was observed (Jan. 10, 1983) having the Morning Service, Those involved were Mary Auvil, Bill White, Ann McRae, Glenda Moore (Youth Council President), Glenn Fortner,

Renee McRae, Andi White, Carl Auvil, Chris Carson, Melonie Batts with ushers being Stan White, Mike Heydt, Eric Heydt and Jimmy Carson.

The Adults also had their Valentine Banquet on February 12, 1983. Following a great meal, there was fun and games enjoyed.

The "Hi-Bye Fellowship and Singspirations were held every 5th Sunday for all newcomers; which was a time of welcoming newcomers and getting acquainted with everyone and to bid farewell to anyone who might be leaving the area. Singspirations, which included anyone desiring to use their talent here at Love Memorial was always enjoyed by everyone before the refreshment time in the Fellowship hall.

Roger Carlson, RA Director had a RA track practice at Southern Wayne each Saturday beginning in February prior to the Track meet in May. This included boys and girls. The RA's, GA's and Acteens brought back the plaque to Love Memorial to keep for another year for winning the Track meet. They went on to the State meet in Raleigh in May.

The RA's were busy selling doughnuts with the proceeds going to Annie Armstrong offering. The Pioneers had a basketball marithon, getting sponsors with the proceeds also going to Annie Armstrong offering.

By March 8, 1983 the enthusiasm had grown and was decided "to get the dust off our expansion plans and begin building", which was unanimously agreed upon. The motion was made at a Church Business Meeting by Bill Moore to build a new parking lot beside the Fellowship hall which was completed in May 1983, costing \$1,500.00. The potholes were repaired by Bob Owen, custodian, with the church furnishing the road patch.

The next step was taken electing a Planning and Building Committee which included Russell Ault, chairman, George Wilson, Bill Moore, Linwood Thompson, Ruth Howell, Melba Batts, Curtis Jackson and George Summerlin. They met and plans started to marterialize toward building.

A "Sunshine Committee" was established for those who are hospitalized and sick to receive cards and flowers when they are sick (April 14, 1983). Until this time we only had a Bereavement Committee, serving

in the capacity of those who had a death in the family. There needed to be a committee to look after the sick as well.

The Gideon Speaker came, February 13, 1983 and an offering of \$250.00 was given to carry on the work of the Gideons, by placing Bibles in various places.

As Love Memorial moved on, the deacons recommended Roger Carlson on March 20, 1983 to be licensed to preach, which was approved by the church and was done.

Up until this time, March 29, 1983 Love Memorial had only had one Baptist Women's group. The Baptist Young Women met and organized a group with 18 ladies present. Officers were elected at the next meeting and their work had begun. They invited people from O'Berry to come and have their worship here once a month. This continued about 6 months. Shortly thereafter the attendance dropped and the Baptist Young Women was discontinued.

A new disappearing stairway was put up by the new costodian with the help of Jack Owen. Also the hood in the kitchen was vented, February 25, 1983.

A new Mita Copier was given to the church by the Aults on March 1983 which replaced the mimeograph machine which had been used for bulletins and other copies needed. The copier costs \$1,895.00.

Due to a mal-function in the heating system the electric bill ran over \$1,000.00 for the months of January and February 1983. A special donation was requested to cover the large bills on March 20, 1983.

A Prayer Board was donated and placed in the vestibule by N. B. Perkins. This was used for prayer requests which could be readily seen as one enters the sanctuary.

All the previous pastors pictures and the present pastors picture was placed in the vestibule. Each pastor was contacted and requested to send a picture by Edna Moore, historian. These were placed in frames and hung to familiarize everyone with the past pastors of Love Memorial.

Stephen Burrow, who was a Youth Summer Worker in 1981, who married and returned with his wife, Denise to Goldsboro and became a member of Love Memorial, was called to pastor Bolivia Baptist Church in

Bolivia, N. C. At the request of Bolivia Baptist Church, a special conference was called April 24, 1983 to vote approval of his ordination. The church voted unanimously to proceed with the process of ordination. Stephen Burrow's hometown pastor, Rev. Wayne Vuncannon was invited to come and give the charge to the candidate. Rev. John White gave the charge to the Church at his ordination May 29, 1983. Members from Bolivia Baptist Church came to Love Memorial for the ordination. Stephen was presented a Bible from Love Memorial inscribed with his name and Love Memorial Baptist Church. He was the first to be ordained to preach from Love Memorial Baptist Church.



Stephen Burrow

An old fashioned "Pounding" of staple groceries was given to Stephen and Denise Burrow when they moved to Bolivia and his work there.

It was voted to sponsor a World Mission Conference February 10, 1982, which was scheduled April 17-20, 1983, which consisted of sharing a missionary with Goldsboro First Baptist Church. Since the Missionary was Rev. Mauricio Vargas, a good friend of Rev. John White, he stayed with the White's. First Baptist Church was responsible for transporting him from Church to Church. All the missionaries gathered at Adamsville, April 16th at 7 p.m.. On Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Mauricio Vargas (our missionary) shared with us and went on to First Baptist. That Sunday we had Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. and preaching at 9:45 a.m. in order that the Missionary, Rev. Vargas could be here and at First Baptist on the same Sunday. Sunday afternoon all the missionaries gathered at Kennedy Home for a Mission Fair from 3-4 p.m. There was another missionary speaking at 6:30 Sunday evening, which was Rev. William Berry, Jr.; Monday evening at 8 p.m. a foreign Missionary Rev. Hubert Middleton was the speaker. Rev. Eugene Warwick, State Missionary, was the Tuesday evening speaker; Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Mrs. Faye Bragg (foreign Missionary spoke concluding the Mission Fare. A light supper was planned by the Hospitality Committee for the Missionary and Church family at 5:30 p.m. Sunday night. Each night there was light refreshments following the service, which was a time to fellowship and meet each missionary.

There was a sunrise Easter Service on April 13, 1983, at 6 a.m. with Rev. White having the Easter Message at Love Memorial. Doughnuts were served following the service in the fellowship hall.

Nine of the church leaders (Rev. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Effler, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault, and Mrs. Edna Moore) attended Adamsville Baptist Church to learn how to improve the Sunday School. This meeting was in May 1983 with a very motivating speaker and all came away very inspired. "Super Sunday" was set for September 17, 1983 for high attendance Sunday, and work began to make it super.

We learned in May we would not be getting a Youth Summer worker from the Youth Corp (1983) as again more churches had applied than workers were available. The Southern Baptist in Raleigh sent us a list of Youth Corp representatives from all of the Southern Baptist Colleges in the state hoping to be able to locate someone. Rev. White called the Seminary, setting up appointments for interviews with three prospects. The Youth Search Committee went and inter-

viewed two young men, deciding on one too late as he had already been spoken for by another church and we were unable to locate anyone for that summer.

The Youth Advisors, Jean Carson and Edna Moore and the Pastor continued to work with the youth. The Youth selected a design drawn by Rev. White to be put on T-shirts which were made up and sold for \$7.80. It was Royal Blue and white and all the youth bought them, and when they went together all wore them with great pride.

In 1981 Rev. John White suggested we have monthly financial statements, and it was agreed upon.. It went into effect January 1982, letting everyone know how the church's finances are used. These reports were distributed at each monthly Business meeting.

There was \$2,216.50 given to Love Memorial through Memorial gifts at his death in 1984.



T-Shirt design

Rev. John White held a Revival in Virginia, April 24-27, 1983 and another one May 16-22, 1983.

The church learned of Rev. and Mrs. John White's forthcoming 25th Wedding Anniversary, June 6, 1983. Plans were made for a Reception to be given by Love Memorial. Family and friends were invited as well as the church family, which was from 3-6 p.m. on June 6, 1983. It was enjoyed by all. Family pictures were taken and a silver tray was presented to Rev. and Mrs. White. A thank-you was received which read as follows: "Thank you dear ones of Love Memorial for such an expression of your love shown toward us with Sundays reception on our 25th Anniversary". Signed The White's



Rev. & Mrs. John W. White
(25th Anniversary)

Every year the High School graduates were honored with a Special Baccalaureate Sermon at 11:00 a.m. at Love Memorial. This year on June 12, 1983 was no exception and a special sermon was preached especially for them. The seniors were Gerry Wilson, Chuck Powell, Glenda Moore, Michael Heydt, Jill Fortner, Tammy Sapp, Dennis Martin, Harold Darden, Craig Smith, Jeanell Owen, Renee McRae, Rhonda Cox, Eric Heydt, and Michelle Clements.

The summer of 1983 it was decided to do something about the summer slump and make it a summer hump and see what an interesting summer it could be. Along with trying to improve on the attendance, Rev. White thought it would be interesting to see what towns the members visited while they were away on vacation. Each member was to bring back a bulletin and place it on the bulletin board. At the end of the summer it was measured "as the crow flies" to see who had been the furthestest away! It created interest and Frank Peterson had been the furthestest during the summer and we were glad to have everyone return for the fall and get back into the flow of things here at Love Memorial.

The Youth sponsored a Family Zoo Trip August 1983, taking the church bus leaving at 8 a.m. It was enjoyed by all.

Bill Cox, trustee advised the church at the July 13, 1983 Church business meeting of the sale of the parsonage for \$42,000.00 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams upon the approval of a VA loan, when Mrs. Williams found a job. Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved into the parsonage awaiting approval of the loan - renting at \$350.00 per month. They rented for 3 months and the money was placed into the Building Fund Account. Mrs. Williams secured a job and the loan was approved and processed. The money from the sale of the parsonage was invested in a certificate at 9.45% interest.

You weren't around Rev. John White, very long before you knew the love he had for his Lord, his music and his family. He had written over 200 songs, and had played with the "Hired Hands" band. Several of his songs he had written were recorded by the Watchmen Quartet. Just to mention a few "Holding On", "The Man Crying Is Jesus", and "All Day Singing". He was given the opportunity at Love Memorial to sing and play his guitar using a new song he had written at each 5th Sunday Night Singspiration, which he started at Love Memorial each 5th Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m.

He had an idea of having a "Singing In The Park", which he hoped would continue each summer and suggested it to the Deacons and Church Council, which met whole heartedly with their approval. It was voted to have the first "Singing in the Park", August 13, 1983 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. August 1983 was a terrifically hot month, but on the 13th the Lord blessed and it was a beautiful day even cooler than we had hoped for. The Watchmen and Sentinels were invited, and sang as well as our own Bill White and Glenda Moore. A love offering was taken and divided between the Watchmen and Sentinels. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and looked forward to another year. Everyone brought their lawn chair and sat under the pines and enjoyed the music. Refreshments were made available by the youth with their concession stand. This also marked the 20th Anniversary of Love Memorial Baptist Church.

Rev. Terry Gold of Blue Creek Baptist Church, Jacksonville, N. C. was the specially trained Sunday School Growth Consultant, who was guest director for a week long Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, September 17-25, 1983. He evaluated the Sunday School and gave a written report on how to better reach people, teaching and ministering to them. There was a Kick-off Rally September 17, 1983 with a cover dish dinner, which proved very helpful.

The Homecoming speaker October 2, 1983 was Bill Hubbard, a former member serving in the Air Force who had returned to Goldsboro with his family for assignment here.

Rev. White's oldest son, Bill was married to Glenda Moore, October 15, 1983 with Rev. Frank Bowers, former pastor officiating. Rev. White was his sons best man. The Willing Workers Sunday School Class invited the church to a Bridal Shower, September 26, 1983. The wedding was at Love Memorial with the reception following in the fellowship hall.

Rev. John White went back to his home church, Calvary Baptist Church in Shallotte, North Carolina, where he had dedicated his life to preach, and held a revival October 23-28, 1983. Jim Washam preached at Love Memorial's Evening Service in this absence.

In order to grow, we must know our potential and discover prospects. To do that, a survey of the community was the first step. A People Search Blitz was conducted October 23, 1983 and 265 homes were visited.

With high attendance Sunday being October 30, 1983 a goal of 165 was set. It was called "Great Day in the Morning" and it was truly just that, when we went over the goal and had 185 in attendance!

Hubert Waddell, who had been working as a volunteer, at South Erwin Baptist Church, while going to Campbell University, had been contacted with the possibility of working with the youth on weekends. He spoke at the evening service, October 30, 1983 and on November 6, 1983, a reception followed the Evening Worship service to get to know him. The Youth Search Committee recommended we call him beginning December 2, 1983. He accepted the call, but before the time came, he decided he was going to take a position offered him by his home church in Greensboro instead.

December 3, 1983 was the Annual Budget Promotion dinner which the budget was presented, discussed and approved for 1984.

A Christmas program was planned with a drama including all ages entitled "The Christmas Lamb" which was directed by Edna Moore and presented Wednesday, December 21, 1983. It involved the children's choir, youth and adult choir and speaking parts by all ages.

Christmas came on Sunday in 1983 and the Deacon Led Candlelight Service was on Christmas Eve. It was always a special service to take off from the hustle bustle of Christmas shopping and come for an hour and worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

As the Planning and Building Committee began meeting, plans began to take shape. An enlargement of the blue print was drawn by Linwood Thompson, and displayed in the foyer for everyone to see. On December 14, 1983, the Committee presented the building proposal for building what was most needed at the time, which was building a wing exactly the same length of the fellowship hall to the left of the sanctuary 47.6' x 50'. This would add 9 new classroom and with the removal of the existing walls in the back of the sanctuary

taking in the two Sunday School classrooms and adding 6 more pews on each side giving room for 8 people on each pew or 96 more seating capacity. The additional space should take care of the growth for 5-10 years. At this time the seating capacity was 176 plus 20 in the choir or 196 and with the addition 292 could be seated. There would be a new entry way, and the Pastor's and secretaries offices would be moved to what was the 2-3 year old classrooms. (Which would be heated and cooled without heating the cooling the entire building). It would have a more economical heating and cooling system costing approximately \$75,000.00 for 2,390 square feet. (\$70,000.00 for the building and \$5,000.00 for the removal of the existing walls etc.) Each classroom would be 10' x 13', which is room for 10 in each class making room for growth, as when a class reaches 10, it is time for a new class to start and therefore the Sunday School will grow. All walls will be permanent walls. (This was Plan "A")

Plan "B" consisting of extending the building out 70' or 22' further than Plan "A" for a fellowship hall to be added, which was 50' x 40' also moving the kitchen to the new structure. Plan "B" had less classrooms (6 classrooms). Additional kitchen plumbing was required also cost was estimated at \$115,000.00. For the additional cost you would only be gaining a larger Fellowship Hall and kitchen, but less Sunday School classrooms which was the primary need to build at this time. As the growth potential is realized, further long-range plans would be to build a new sanctuary and more classrooms at that time. The present sanctuary would be utilized as the fellowship hall, when the new sanctuary is built.

The Committee recommended Plan "A" for the following reasons:

1. More Sunday School rooms at less cost
2. Can pay for Plan "A" without re-financing. If elected to go with Plan "B" it would necessitate applying for a loan and refinancing the present loan at a much higher interest rate than presently paying.
3. The use of the fellowship hall at capacity does not warrant the extra cost.
4. The moving of the kitchen and the enlarged fellowship hall is considered an interim measure as the present sanctuary will be the fellowship hall and kitchen when the new sanctuary is built in the future.

PLAN "A"
LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
GOLDSBORO, NC.

EXISTING CAPACITY = 176 + CHOIR

PROPOSED ADDITION = 96

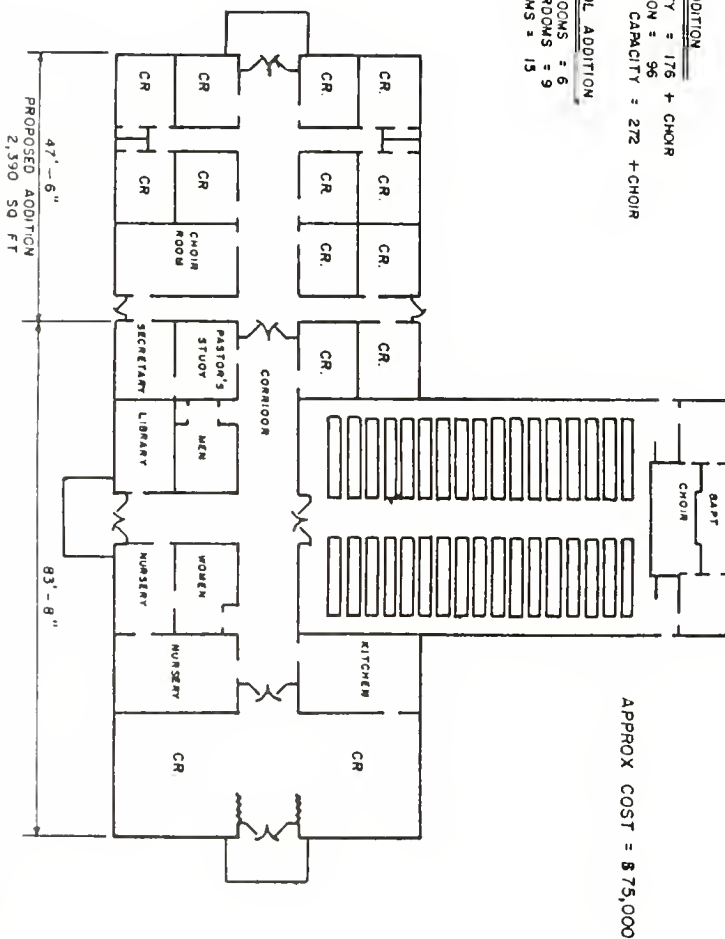
TOTAL PROPOSED CAPACITY = 272 + CHOIR

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION

EXISTING CLASSROOMS = 6

PROPOSED CLASSROOMS = 9

TOTAL CLASSROOMS = 15



APPROX COST = \$ 75,000

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PLAN "A"

NAME LOVE MEMORIAL

DATE 2-29-84

There was approximately \$50,000.00 in the Building Fund and a balance of \$27,00 owed on the present sanctuary building (\$680.47 per month). Bill Cox was elected Chairman of Finance Fund Raising for this new building program, however with the amount on hand it didn't involve an all out campaign to raise additional monies.

Further plans were made and May 6, 1984 was designated as "Raise the Roof Sunday". This was the date when everyone was asked to fill out commitment pledges (unsigned) of the amount above their tithe they could commit to the building project, due in October 1984. The goal was set at \$55,000.00. Of this amount \$32,442.00 was pledged that Sunday. An additional \$600.00 was pledged the following Sunday bringing the total pledged to \$33,042.00. Following "Raise the Roof Sunday", Rev. White thanked everyone for their support and stated "the church is to be commended as we're running ahead of the budget this year, and was excited about what is being done for the Lord here at Love Memorial."

As excitement mounted the Planning and Building Committee met May 6, 1984 and the plans and drawings were finalized. The packets were prepared and four contractors were selected which were: Daniels and Daniels, Jackson Builders Inc., Construction and Design, and Simmons Construction Company, which were to be returned by noon May 25th, 1984 with their Contract price. The Committee met at Love Memorial Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. for the Bid Opening. Those present were Russell Ault, chairman, Bill Moore, George Wilson, Linwood Thompson, George Summerlin, Ruth Howell, and Melba Batts, secretary. The bids were opened by the Secretary of the Committee (Melba Batts) and Jackson Builders Inc. was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$78,378.00. (Other bids were Daniels and Daniels (\$86,485.00); CONstruction and Design (\$95,000.00); D. S. Simmons Construction Company (\$97,886.00). June 3, 1984

June 3, 1984 was set for "Ground Breaking Sunday". It was a bright sunny day and the ground breaking followed the Morning Worship Hour, at 12:00 Noon. The Ceremonial remarks by the pastor were as follows: "To everybody that is gathered out here, let me just say what a great day this is in the life of our church. I really believe that you and I are standing at a crossroads and under the leadership of the Lord,

we've made a decision what way we are going to turn - we'vere going straight ahead - we're going up - beyond - and we're going to do great things for the Lord and the Lord is going to bless it because He's determined our church is going to grow - that it's going to become bigger. He's sending people our way. He's speaking to hearts that are accepting Him as Lord and Savior. So we are thrilled today and this is a highlight in the history of the church and as we look back at it, that statement is true. I appreciate the work that all these dear people have done in our church and I'm sure you do too. I appreciate all the children and what they've done. So we've got great things to look forward to". "We have with us our contractor Brother Curtis, our treasurer of the church and our committee and Brother Russ heads it up and if you will look at your program we have a responsive reading and then we'll "break the ground" then Mrs. Howell will read the poem, and our benediction and go home OK."

"GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY"

June 3, 1984

Remarks - Pastor

Responsive Reading

Pastor - O magnify the Lord with me.

People - And let us exalt His name together

Chairman - The Lord, He is good.

People - His mercies endureth forever.

Pastor - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help.

Peolpe - Our help cometh from the Father which is
in Heaven.

Chairman - Upon this Rock I will build My Church.

People - And the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it.

Pastor - We have met today to break this ground.
The Lord's guidance was sought in all our
planning. His Spirit prompted the giving
of many gifts to be used in paying for this
addition. We do now dedicate the building
of this additional space to Thee, may it be
used by our children and our children's
children and all those who come to worship
and learn of God's will for their lives.

People - We do now dedicate the building of these
facilities to Thee, O God.

Chairman for the comfort of those who mourn.

People - For the testimony of saints and the prayers of believers.

Pastor - For the religious teaching of children and the instructing of young people in the things of God and for the preaching of the Word.

People - For the preparation of ministers and the encouragement of Christian workers.

Chairman - For the strengthening of home life, for the direction of the young, and for reproof of the erring.

People - For the unity and complete cooperation among our members.

Everyone - And now as co-laborers with God we break this ground for the work of the Lord. We pledge ourselves as followers of Him to put forth every effort to follow where He leads, living for Him in thought, in word, and in deed, ever looking forward to the glorious appearance of our resurrected Lord and Savio Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Breaking of Ground - Participants
 Poem Mrs. Ruth Howell

"ON TO VICTORY"

So much can happen in a few short years,
 So much for good or for ill.
 Thank God, the things that have happened to us,
 Have led toward the top of the hill.

It's taken a lot of planning and work,
 A lot of courage and love,
 It's taken a lot of hoping and prayer,
 With help from the good Lord above.

But now we look at our beautiful Church,
 And feel it's been worth it all,
 Great is our gain, yes, truly unmeasured,
 Our sacrifices so small.

Proudly we come to this special moment,
 Proudly and yet humbly too,
 Hitherto God in wisdom has helped us,
 Yet ahead there is more to do.

God give us courage for tasks yet undone,
 As we look to future days,
 Guide ever onward to goals yet unseen,
 And to Thee we will give the praise

Phyllis C. Michael
 and Kathryn B. Peck

Benediction - Pastor



PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE 1984
Russell Ault, Linwood Thompson, George
Wilson, George Summerlin, Bill Moore,
Rev. White, Ruth Howell, and Melba Batts

"OPENING THE BIDS"

(Plans drawn up by Barber Drafting Service
for the Wing - cost \$468.97 in 1984)



GROUND BREAKING

Members of Love Memorial Baptist Church participated in a ground breaking Sunday for an addition to the church sanctuary. The addition will house 15 classrooms and offices. From left are Ruth Howell, treasurer; Bill Moore, committee member; Curtis Jackson, contractor; Wallace Horton, Sunday School director; John White, pastor; Russell Ault, committee chairman; Linwood Thompson, committee member; and Melba Batts, secretary.

Church Training enrolment increased from 43 to 52 with 37 attending.

As the pastor attended the Evangelism Conference in Greensboro (1984), he stated many pastors aren't experiencing any growth, but we're thankful to say that isn't our problem - - our problems are "Good Problems" preparing to build additional room for our additional people!

Larry Bill asked permission for the Boy Scout Troop No. 100 to meet in the Fellowship Hall and permission was granted. The troop was disbanded in 1987 and camping supplies were given the the Love Memorial RA's.

Cottage Prayer Meetings were held prior to the Revival in the Spring of 1984.

An Adult Art Class began March 1984 with Janie Poarch teaching, upon Rev. White's request, knowing how she enjoyed painting and knowing there were members who were interested. This Class was for anyone desiring to paint, at no cost. This was a great opportunity and Edna Moore, Joeann Ault, Rachel Rawls, and Joyce Thompson came. She had an exhibit of her work and the members of the class, on a 5th Sunday Evening Singspiration. Anyone who did not come missed a great opportunity.

Patricia Nix ("Tricia") from UNC-Charlotte was assigned to Love Memorial as a Youth Corp Summer worker for 10 weeks. She lived with the Bob Carter family and used Pastor White's car to commute to and from the church and to eat evening meals at the homes of members. (She was paid \$45.00 each week by the church and \$45.00 from the Convention, and a supplement in the amount of \$35.00 a week extra for gas and food. In June Patricia was paid \$10.00 less per week and the Carter family were given \$200.00 to provide meals for her). She began to prepare a schedule for the summer activities with the youth and children of the church.

Rev. White's younger brother, Eddie, who had been sick in Wilmington hospital passed away June 2, 1984. He was only 15 months younger than Rev. White and it was quite a blow to everyone. A delegation from the church attended the funeral. Rev. White wrote "A Tribute to Eddie" in the July issue of the Newsletter, which was very touching.

Rev. White thought Love Memorial was "the most exciting Church in Goldsboro". He completed his college education and graduated May 1984 from Campbell University, and was given a love gift from the church, with a graduation card 2' x 3' with all the signatures of the church members.

He preached the Father's Day message, with the hymns being "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", "Make Me a Blessing" with a special sung by Glenda White entitled "Father's Eyes" and the invitation being "Take My Life". Father's Day was June 17, 1984. He preached the Evening Message ending the service with his guitar, singing a new song he had written. The following morning, he suffered a heart attack shocking everyone. The Congregation was in much prayer for the recovery of their pastor and he seemed to be making a remarkable recovery. The office was used as a check point and Russell Ault, chairman of deacons assumed responsibility in the pastor's absence and asked Mr. Lonnie Parker to speak on June 24.

The first stake was driven by Jackson Builders for the New Wing (June 25th) and Rev. White was told of the progress being made, and he was so excited over the beginning of the work on the building. That evening his family were summoned to the hospital as he had another heart attack and the Lord took him home. The church was saddened, but what he left with us cannot be taken away. We are fortunate he passed our way. Through his dedication and excitement for the Lord's work, enthusiasm, love for each of you at Love Memorial and his family, and love of music, his memory will continue to live within all of us.

His funeral was held at Love Memorial, where he had said so many times he wanted it to be. The hymns he wanted sung, "Victory In Jesus" and "To God Be the Glory" were sung by the Choir and people did cry! He always said "I want people to cry when I go on, as I want to be missed". The church was overflowing with family and friends who loved him. Speakers were set up in the fellowship hall in order for everyone to be able to hear the message at the funeral.

A bulletin was prepared for the "Homegoing of John W. White", June 28, 1984 with the active deacons as pallbearers (Russell Ault, Wallace Horton, Donald

Lynch, Charles McRae, N. B. Perkins and Linwood Thompson. Honorary pallbearers were the other active deacons Gerald Batts, Toby Faucette, Charles Fortner, Delma Jackson, and R. C. Poarch and all the Pastors of the Neuse Baptist Association. This poem "Our Pastor" was on the program.

In Honor of Our Pastor

Our Pastor

Who is the one we look to most,
And who is always at his post;
Who always greets us with a smile
And makes us feel that life's worth-while?
Our pastor.

Who listens to our ups and downs
And knows our faults but never frowns;
Who never mentions his own cares;
His troubles silently he bears?
Our pastor.

Who comes to see us when we're ill
And helps to cure but sends no bill;
Who marries off our lass and lad
And comforts us when death makes sad?
Our pastor.

Who studies far into the night
And seeks God's will with all his might;
Who thinks of others, not himself;
Who works for souls and not for wealth?
Our pastor.

For many years he's been our guide,
Our shepherd, always by our side.
He helps us feel that God is near
And that we have no need to fear.
(We love this man.)
Our pastor.

The one who helps him most is she
Whose life from service is not free;
She makes her life a part of his;
She's loyal, and her husband is
Our pastor.

So we would honor them today
And in a very special way
Thank them for what they've done and been
And thank God for this man of men--
Our pastor

--Ethel B. Piercy

Rev. White was laid to rest in Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, N. C. with Rev. Dick Westbrook conducting the funeral, who was a long time friend of Rev. White's.

God's work must go on and Rev. White would have been the first to have agreed! Vacation Bible School which started the morning of June 25, but was postponed until July 2. Betty Jackson was Vacation Bible School Director with classes beginning at 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and was well attended. The youth had their sessions at 7:00 p.m. with Patricia Nix leading them.

The Youth Corp let Patricia Nix continue to work at Love Memorial with the youth even without a pastor. There were Bible Studies for the younger children - one day a week during the summer. There were 12 who went to Caswell in Southport (Costing \$89.00 each) for a week in August. The summer was climaxed with a musical drama entitled "Jesus is the Answer" followed by a fellowship and refreshments. She packed up her things and the youth hated to see her go, and she went back home before returning to college in the fall.

Rev. Ken Jones had the first sermon (July 1st) following Rev. White's death and Mrs. Linda Evans (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farmer) from Florida, which had been scheduled by Rev. White to share her musical talents, had the Evening Worship Service.

Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Director of Missions stepped in, supplying in the pulpit having 4 to unite with the church while he was here, two of which were baptised, September 5, 1984. He served us well during the grieving period and with the building of the new Wing and remodeling of the sanctuary everyone kept their mind busy. Rev. Belcher supplied from July 9 - October 7, 1984 with the exception of Rev. Mullins (Sept. 9), Rev. Avant (Sept. 16 and 24), and Rev. Linwood Brock (Oct. 28). Everyone knew Rev. Belcher and he fit in well with the ministry here, and we were very fortunate to have him. He was a special blessing to Love Memorial.

Rev. M. O. Sears, who had retired from Adamsville Baptist Church, preached October 21, Nov. 4 and 11th. He was a dedicated Christian, full of the spirit and ready to serve. He was highly recommended by the deacons and was called by Love Memorial as Interim

Pastor, November 18, 1984. He believed "Interim meant , not a part of a pastor, but a pastor for a short time"! He gave full time service, visiting the hospital daily, coming to the office two days a week; working Tuesday evenings with Visitation (Having 16 participating), having Bible Studies each Wednesday evening, visiting during the day with his wife, Bonnie at his side, having messages Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, as well as having a funeral for one of the members here and holding a revival. He had 'Pastor's Pals', for the children during Sunday Morning Worship hour. He had everyone involved with High Attendance Sunday, which was a big success.



Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Sears



DEDICATION OF THE JOHN W. WHITE MEMORIAL WING AT LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH. PICTURED ARE ANN WHITE, BILL, ANDREA, MEREDITH AND STANLEY WHITE (WIFE AND CHILDREN OF REV. WHITE). REV. M. O. SEARS, REV. BOBBIE BELCHER, RUTH HOWELL, BILL MOORE, AND RUSSELL ADLT. JANUARY 20, 1985



June 25, 1984

The First Stake was driven for new Wing!

During Rev. John White's Ministry there were 114 additions to Love Memorial of which 29 were baptisms. The membership had now grown to 371.

Singing - In - The - Park
October 5
2:00 - 5:00
Love Memorial Park



The Celebration Singers consisting of 14 youths from Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C. , of which Bill and Glenda White, (former members) came and presented a musical "Come and Celebrate". Following the musical on December 16, 1984, a Sunday Evening, Ann White and the children invited everyone to a time of Fellowship and refreshments for all the things done for them this past year!

The church contributed food and gifts to a needy family. Mrs. Eugene Warrick, Mrs. Rachel Rawls, Johnny Carson, Mrs. Jean Cox, and Mrs. Shirley Thornton presented the Foreign Missions Study to all ages.

The RA's as usual had the RA Post Office set up for depositing Christmas cards, leaving the price of the stamps in the Lottie Moon Box.

The Pastor Search Committee was elected consisting of Charles McRae, Chairman, Ruth Howell, Pat Smith, Bob Carter, Steve Sumner and Emma Owen alternate. As Bob Carter moved away to Colorado before a Pastor was selected. Russell Ault was elected to fill the vacancy. They were briefed by Dr. Robert Bruhn (Raleigh), and Rev. Bobbie Belcher on how to select a pastor and were given resumes' to study and start their search.

A motion was made by Wallace Horton, as a recommendation from the Church Council, to dedicate and name the new wing being built in memory of Rev. John W. White, which was unanimously approved.

July 14 was designated Men's Work Day to paint the White's house. Before Rev. White suffered his heart attack, he had planned to paint his home himself, and had purchased the paint. He had also purchased new windows and the older men's Sunday School class arranged to have these replaced by paying for the labor, having a carpenter do the work. The house was painted and the windows put in. The Church also voted to give Ann and the children a love gift of \$5,000.00, which was done, and she graciously accepted the generous offer.

The money pledged to "Raise the Roof" was coming in and 12 new pews were ordered for the sanctuary. By the end of September, dusting and moving had already begun with the Library being moved - one more time - into the New Wing.

The New Wing was completed October 1, but due to the fact that the floors needed another coat of wax, it was the second Sunday of October when it was first occupied (October 14, 1984) Homecoming Day! The New Wing was dedicated January 20, 1985 at the Morning Worship hour at 11:00 a.m. inviting the Neuse Baptist Association Missions Director, Rev. Bobbie Belcher, the contractor Curtis Jackson of Jackson Builders, and The White family. A Litany of Dedication was written by Rev. M. O. Sears which was very appropriate for the occasion. Rev. Sears gave the Welcome and Recognitions, followed by the treasurer and Property Report given by Bill Moore. The presentation of the keys was done by Curtis Jackson to Ruth Howell, trustee. The Litany of Dedication was read by Russell Ault, chairman of Deacons. The plaque was unveiled (reading JOHN W. WHITE MEMORIAL WING 1981-1984) by Rev. White's son, John W. White, Jr. ("Bill"). It was attached to the building February 14, 1984. The Litany of Memorial was read by Russell Ault followed by Rev. Sears having the prayer of Dedication. Mrs. Joeann Ault sang a solo "How Lovely Are Thou Dwellings". Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Director of Missions, had the scripture and Sermon. The Hymn, Faith of our Fathers was sung followed by Wallace Horton, Sunday School Director having the Prayer of Benediction.

Love Memorial and Providence United Methodist Church had a joint Baptismal Service on Jan. 27, 1985.

February 16th the adults had their Valentine Sweetheart banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Sears along with the Sunday School Director set the goal of 200 in Sunday School for March 24. Beginning in February all Sunday School Class members signed attendance chain links, who were to get friends and prospects to come and sign chains also and on March 17 all chains were linked together "married" in a ceremony during Morning Worship. "Praise the Lord" there were 197 chain links signed by March 10th.

On March 17th, the marriage of Mr. Sunday School (Wallace Horton, Sunday School Director) and Miss Love Memorial (Edna Moore, secretary) which went like this -

Dear friends, we are assembled here in the presence of God to unite Mr. Sunday School and Miss Love Memorial for Christian Service. The Bible teaches that the study of God's Work and the Worship of God should go hand in hand. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God will stand forever;" and, "all the powers of hell will never over throw, the church."

Sunday School, do you take Love Memorial to be your companion and do you promise that you will study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth? "I do"

Love Memorial, do you take Sunday School to be your partner in the Lord's work and do you promise to provide the best facilities, the best literature and the best leadership that you can afford until Jesus comes? "I do"

What token do you give to each other as evidence that you will be in attendance next Sunday?

"A chain of signed attendance rings" (said by Mr. Sunday School)

You will connect these class attendance rings into one great spiritual church chain symbolizing your desire to be present next Sunday to the glory of God in Christian service.

As a preacher of the Gospel of Christ and in accord with the leadership of the spirit of God, I now declair that Sunday School and Love Memorial are united for an attendance goal of 200 or more next Sunday, and for the greatest revival we have ever had at Love Memorial.

Prayer.

May thy blessings be upon all who have made these commitments and by the Spirit of Jesus enable us to carry them out next Sunday and throughout the revival. Amen.

While we sing together hymn No. 204 Mr. and Mrs. Sunday School and Love Memorial with the assistance of their attendants (All Sunday School teachers) will display the attendance chain.

(Rev. M. O. Sears, Interim Pastor)

March 24-31 Revival was conducted with Rev. M. O. Sears being the evangelist, with a nursery provided for all services; Mrs. Linda Bunn as nursery worker. All parking was directed by the Boy Scout Troop 100.

Additional hymnals were purchased for the new pews on March 1985.

Love Memorial sent their contribution of \$750.00 to

the Neuse Association toward the purchase of a house to be used as an office they were purchasing for \$38,000.00 on March 17, 1985.

Rev. M. O. Sears started a new members class at 6 p.m. on April 14, 1985, with Revival beginning at 7 p.m. getting the schedule changed to 7 p.m. instead of Worship at 7:15 p.m.

The Early Morning Easter Service was in the ballpark at Love Memorial on April 7th at 7 a.m. Following the service there were doughnuts, coffee and juice provided in the fellowship hall. Rev. Sears had the service.

Installation Chaplain Narron from Seymour-Johnson AFB, a long time friend of Rev. Sears, brought the morning message on April 14, 1985 while Rev. Sears was in Revival in Kinston.

May 5 was declared Senior Adult Day when all Seniors 55 uppers were honored in the Morning Service.

On May 12 there was a Baby Dedication Service and Andy Jay Bunn, and Jarad Preston Jacobson were dedicated.

The Youth needed someone to work with them during the summer and Mike Evans was contacted at the Southeastern Theological Seminary. He came for a visit May 17, 1985 for the weekend to meet everyone. He arrived in Goldsboro and was taken out to supper by the Moore's. At 7 p.m. all the youth got together to meet Mike, played games and had refreshments and fellowship.

Mike Evans returned June 8, 1985, moving into the room provided by the church for the summer. After leading the youth in VBS he started a group teaching "Beginning Clowning" ministry. Each Sunday evening Mike led the youth choir at 6 p.m. and had Visitation on Tuesday evening followed by Pizza. The Youth went to the beach June 22nd. Mike used the clown characters "Binky" and "Bobo" to get a message across to the children during VBS. The youth were able to go to Caswell, and stayed in a cottage, preparing their own meals - only eating out a few times in the Cafeteria. Mike Evans was responsible for the boys, and Gail Cowley was the chaperone for the girls. They went July 29th for a week.

The Youth presented their message through clown ministry, August 11, 1985 at 7 p.m. It was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Mike Evans was presented a wooden autographed chest when he left, August 21st. He returned to the Seminary to resume his studies after a 10 weeks stay here during the summer.

Rev. M. O. Sears led the January Bible Study in the book of Psalms.

Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director of Cooperative Ministries State Baptist Convention, spoke on Race Relations (Feb. 10) with the Watchmen Quartet having the Evening Service at 7 p.m.

The Properties Committee with Bill Moore, chairman, Gerald Batts, Melba Batts, Erlene Bryan and Pete Smith, met and brought before the church a recommendation (February 1985) to lower the ceiling slightly, adding recessed tile, covering the metal beams with wooden beams, extending the choir loft out enough to add another row of chairs (increasing the size of the choir), carpeting the sanctuary wall to wall, and installing curtains in the Baptismal dressing rooms. This was approved and Curtis Jackson of Jackson Builders agreed to do the carpenter work and recommended a Carpet Company in Raleigh, to carpet the sanctuary. On May 20, 1985, the work was begun and all the pews were placed in the Fellowship hall and vestibule. The ceiling work and choir was extended by Jackson Builders.

Delma and Betty Jackson's children had scheduled the Fellowship Hall for their 25th Wedding Anniversary Reception, May 25. The pews were moved out just in time for the fellowship hall to be decorated and the reception to be held.

The carpet was all installed, but the choir loft, and the sanctuary was booked for the wedding of Michelle Munnerlyn, June 1st at 2:30 p.m. The carpet men worked Friday, but didn't complete it, but promised to have it completed in time for the wedding. It just barely made it - as it was completed at 1:00 p.m., flower arrangements, kneeling bench and candles put in place just before the guests arrived. The wedding went off as planned in the newly renovated sanctuary.

Rev. Sears wrote the Service of Dedication for the Renovated Sanctuary of Love Memorial for July 14, 1985, which began with a litany, followed by Bill Moore, Property Chairman recognizing the Committee, giving a statement on the renovation

and expressing appreciation in behalf of Love Memorial to Curtis Jackson, of Jackson Builders for a job well done. Rev. Sears concluded "in addition to the dedicated work of the Committee and the excellent work of our contractors, we express our sincere appreciation to every member and friend of Love Memorial for your prayers and financial support. Also, many of you have worked in other areas around the church building to help make it attractive and inviting. Without your love for the Lord Jesus and your Christian cooperation, this kind of project could not have been accomplished. Thank you, and may the blessing of our Heavenly Father abide with you."

The WMU observed the Week of Prayer and on Thursday evening everyone went to Fremont Baptist Church for a Home Mission Study "Light Upon the Land" taught by Brother Bobbie Belcher. The WMU ladies planned a Senior Citizens Luncheon (May 9, 1985) and took them to Morrison's Cafeteria, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. Sears attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas (June 1985) and Rev. Linwood Brock supplied for him at Love Memorial on June 9, 1985.

It was Vacation Bible School time and Betty Jackson was the director. Classes began at 8:45 - 11:45 a.m., with the classes for the youth in the eveing 7-9 p.m. The bus broke down the first day, but all the children were transported to the church. Other transportation was arranged for the week. Mike Evans led the youth each evening.

The Pastor Search Committee (Charles McRae, Chairman, Ruth Howell, Steve Sumner, Pat Smith, Russell Ault and Emma Owen, alternate had been busy searching for a pastor and brought back good news. An informal Open House was planned for June 29, 1985 to meet the prospective pastor, Rev. Julian R. Mills, Sr. and his family. Rev. Mills, a native of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. was born Jan. 25, 1939, a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Upper Iowa University, Chowan College with degrees as follows: Master of Divinity, B. A. and A. A. He is married to the former Mary Ellen Robertson. They had 4 children - Julian R. Jr. (23), Steven R. (22), Marsha L. (15) and Jonathan David (3).



Rev. Julian R. Mills, Sr. & family

Rev. Mills had his trial sermon, June 30, 1985 entitled "Unceasing Prayer: God's Renewal Plan". Following the trial sermon the church was called into Conference and the Pastorial Search Committee and Deacons recommended to call Rev. Mills as Pastor of LMBC. The vote was overwhelming and a letter was sent him stating the results. He accepted the call and began his ministry August 18, 1985, at a salary of \$26,000.00 a year.

Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Sears were much appreciated and loved during their stay as Interim Pastor and wife, as he served from November 18, 1984 to August 11, 1985. They will always have a special place in our hearts. There were 19 members added to the membership during the period he served as Interim. Rev. and Mrs. Sears donated a Membership Board to Love Memorial to place our new members pictures as they join. An icecream social was given in their honor to show appreciation for the past 8½ months of service, and a love gift was given him.

A house was located to rent at Rt. 12, Box 464, Goldsboro (Old Grantham Road) and Mayflower movers were contacted to move the Mills family to Goldsboro, from Warrenton, North Carolina, August 14, 1985. On August 18, 1985 the pastor was welcomed in the Morning Service, by Charles McRae, Chairman of the Pastor Search Committee, who introduced Rev. Mills and his family to the church. He was welcomed by the church leaders and Rev. Mills "accepted the Challenge Here". He was presented the Key to the

church by Russell Ault, chairman of Deacons, which the pastor accepted. Following the Morning Worship, there was a picnic lunch prepared in the fellowship hall - a time of good food and fellowship.

The undesignated and designated contributions for 1985 were \$95,758.00.

Janie Poarch volunteered her art talent and painted directional signs on aluminum which were erected in the community, showing the location of the church.

A revival was held October 27-30, 1985 by Rev. Mills. Many decisions and rededications were made making a stronger church.

Bill Moore, treasurer and member of the Properties Committee challenged the church first at the Oct. 1985 Business meeting to begin 1986, the new church year, debt free by giving special donations and paying off the church mortgage. The theme being "Let's give Jesus a birthday present at Christmas"! At the Budget Promotion meeting December 7, 1985, following a delicious dinner, a motion was made by Bill Moore, Finance Committee chairman and treasurer to use the existing monies in the MRS account and Building Fund, paying off the mortgage on the sanctuary in the amount of \$14,000.00. It met unanimous approval by a stand-up vote.

Great excitement grew in preparing a "Note-burning" service for December 22, 1985, giving "Jesus a birthday present!" Rev. Mills invited Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Director of Missions to participate in this event in the history of Love Memorial. Mr. Ralph Creech, a trustee who had signed the mortgage note, was chosen to burn the note.

The Church Constitution spoke of a Personnel Committee, but didn't state who they were. In Dec. 1985 it was established that it would consist of the Pastor, one trustee (elected by the Trustee Committee) and chairman of Deacons. The treasurer would be an exofficio member only.

The Lottie Moon Goal was set at \$1,750.00 which surpassed the goal by giving \$2,100.01.

Contributions were received enabling the church to purchase a Kawai Grand black dull ebony (5'1") piano costing \$5,000.00 as proposed in November 1985. The piano that was being used in the sanctuary was moved to the choir room.

"NOTE-BURNING"
Pictured are Bill
Moore, Rev. Mills
Ruth Howell, and
burning the note
is Ralph Creech,
Wallace Horton,
and Rev. Bobbie
Belcher.





Betty Carole at Piano

The new Kawai Grand Piano purchased December 1985.
Betty Carole Jackson served as Church Pianist.



Mrs. Janie Poarch
spent many hours
painting on the
Baptistry scene.

Rick Allison, Associate Pastor of Four-Mile Creek Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, brought a youth group to Love Memorial for the weekend and presented a musical Sunday during the Morning Worship Hour. A church-wide dinner was prepared in the fellowship hall afterwards.

The Annual Thanksgiving Community Service was held with Rev. Otto Hardt, pastor of Brogden United Methodist Church bringing the message.

The Church families participated in purchasing Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary for the 1985 Christmas Season.

The church voted to participate in a Church Pictorial Directory to be photographed by the Baptist Book Store in Raleigh, N. C. under the direction of the Pastor. Joeann Ault volunteered to serve as Director of the Publication and appointments were made and the directory was compiled by Pastor Mills and completed and returned to us.

A People Search was held Nov. 24, 1985 and 12 volunteers surveyed the community for prospective members.

In October 1985 the Properties Committee reported the schedule for the paving of the Street (from Woodland Church Road entrance approximately 200 feet and the paving of the parking lot beside the fellowship hall entrance). This was completed.

A Rally at Adamsville Baptist Church (Jan.13, 1986) with the Steering Committee from Love Memorial (consisting of Rev. Mills, as General Chairperson, Edna Moore, (secretary/records Chairperson), Wallace Horton (Spiritual Preparation Chairperson), Pete Smith (Sunday School chairperson), Joeann Ault (Music chairperson), Emma Owen (Visitation Chairperson, Rebecca Asbell (Publicity Media chairperson), Jimmy Carson (Counselor chairperson), R. C. Poarch (Follow-up chairperson). Each Sunday at Church Training Hour a course entitled 'Christian Life and Witnessing' (a course on video tapes) was shown in preparation for the "Good News America, God Loves You" Revival (the same course as used by Billy Graham Crusade) the month of January. The Counseling Committee (who had taken the Christian Life and Witness Course) were the Counselors for the Revival. Prayer was conducted around the clock with 48 participating. Cottage Prayer Meetings were arranged, March 3-7. Rev. Paul Rader was the visiting evangelist from Washington, D. C.

There were 17 baptised. (Rev. Rader was given a love offering in the amount of \$847.54 and his wife, Lois who played the piano was given \$216.00) God sent us a great Revival and we saw His hand at work throughout the entire week. With all the Committees working diligently together for the Revival and Hospitality Committee providing meals for the evangelistic team as well as those who sang, and worked in the Nursery. It was a great success.



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Rader

A floor scrubber-stripper-buffer was given the church, April 24, 1986 by a church family, which was put to great use by the custodians.

A vacuum cleaner was purchased by the church on May 14, 1986 which was needed by the custodians costing \$200.00.

A lamp was needed for the New Baby Grande piano and was purchased by the church for \$78.32.

The GA's had a "Korean Tasting Party", April 9, 1986 with all the GA girls, grades 106 having a great treat.

The Personnel Committee was in search of a Minister of Youth and Education. Danny Williams was contacted and interviewed by the Committee (Wallace Horton, Chairman of Deacons; Ruth Howell, Trustee; and Pastor Mills and as ex-officio member the treasurer, Dawn Rollins). The Personnel Committee recommended the call of Danny Williams, as Associate Pastor and a majority vote was taken at a Church Business Meeting on April 9, 1986. Following the Morning Worship service on April 13, 1986, a special Business meeting was called and a vote was taken by a stand-up vote - voting yes for the call, and no one stood-up opposing. Danny and his family moved to 305 Sherwood Circle on May 28, 1987. They packed up their household goods and rented a U-haul truck moving his family to Goldsboro. The church voted to pay his moving expenses and paid him an allotted amount. The Pastor and a couple members helped them unload the furniture. They were welcomed by an evening meal in the Fellowship Hall by the Willing Workers Sunday School Class. A covered dish lunch was planned the first Sunday, June 1, 1986 to begin his ministry at Love Memorial, following the Morning service. It was a time to fellowship and to meet the Associate Pastor, his wife, Phyllis, and their four daughters, Michelle Ann (15), Collette Rene' (14), Christine Marie (13), and Ashely Elizabeth (5). They arrived here from Henderson, N. C. Danny Williams moved his membership to Love Memorial by letter during the Morning Worship hour when the invitation was given. That evening at the Evening Worship service his wife and daughters joined Love Memorial by letter.

Danny was Adult Music Director and led the Adult Choir. He taught the Adult and Youth Choir sight reading. The Youth Choir remained under the direction of Larry Bill and the Children's Choir was led by Mary Mills. A desk, chair and file cabinet were needed for an office and Toby Faucette, Properties Chairman arranged to get one. Bookcases were built in a couple weeks.



Danny Williams

Rev. Daniel Lee Williams, new Associate Pastor of Love Memorial was ordained June 29, 1986 to the Gospel Ministry. He was ordained by his home church - the First Baptist Church of Olar, S. C. The Church's Pastor, Rev. Robert Morehead, was in charge of the ordination. He is a 1983 graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served for more than three years as minister of music and youth at Second Baptist Church, Henderson, N. C. prior to coming to Love Memorial. He has served in a number of other church positions in Zebulon, N. C. Barnwell, S.C., and Olar, S. C.

Jean Carson and Edna Moore had served as Youth Advisors for 8 years. Gail Cowley and Judy Sumner requested to be youth advisors and work with the Pastor and Youth Council President, Stan White. Danny suggested a Youth Committee in July 1986 to replace the Youth Council, but was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Youth Council was replaced by the Youth Committee when the officers were elected in September 1987, having a youth representative from Junior High, and a representative from Senior High, with Danny Williams as chairman of the Committee. Gail Cowley and Judy Sumner were the other two committee members elected.

The bus was in need of two tires. Prices were checked and Elbert Dixon donated two tires for the bus.

A movie screen was purchased and put up in the Baptistry, that pulled up and down out of the way on March 1986 (costing \$52.95).

Two additional Love Memorial signs were put up by Gerald Batts and the Properties Committee pointing to the location of the church.

Rev. Mills held a Revival in Huron, Ohio, on April 20-23, 1986. A Gideon speaker came for the Sunday morning service (April 20), and Rev. Carl Graham, a graduate of Southeastern Seminary, spoke at the Evening service.

A Long-Range Planning Committee was elected on May 14, 1986, who were Peggy Bill, George Wilson, Mary Mills, Donald Lynch, Elbert Dixon, Laura Smith and Toby Faucette, chairman.

The WMU collected items for the Spanish Mission (which were bath cloths, soap, baby powder, vaseline, cotton balls, and receiving blankets.)

Rev. Mills taught the Survival Kit for the new Adult Christians and the children were taught by Wallace and Ramona Horton for six weeks, beginning June 1, 1986.

Danny Williams met with the Ordination Board which consisted of ministers from the Neuse Association and was approved to be ordained to preach. He was ordained at his home church in Olar, South Carolina on June 29, 1986.

Vacation Bible School started July 7-11 under the direction of Jenny Faucette and Brenda Abernathy beginning at 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mr. Ollie Minchew drove the bus for the second year. The VBS Offering was \$165.84.

The central air conditioning unit stopped functioning in the old building and a technician was consulted and a new unit was advised. Due to the expense and only a few classes meeting there, offers of window units to be used to fit the bill for the two classes. Two more units were needed and the church voted to purchase them. After using them the summer of 1986 and 1987, it was again checked and Jackie Rivenbark stated he could repair the unit or he would donate another unit for the building. The window units were removed at the end of the summer in 1987.

Congratulations to our youth at Southern Wayne High School, as another young lady from Love Memorial had been chosen as Miss Southern Wayne based mostly on talent and evening dress, and their answer to a

question asked them. This was established in 1983. In 1986 Miss Melonie Batts was Miss Southern Wayne. All the girls have been members of Love Memorial who have held the title, which made us proud, as they started developing their singing talent at Love Memorial of singing. Others who have held the title are Tracy Page (1985), Jenny Casey (1984), and Glenda Moore (1983).

In 1986 \$700. was allocated to the Nursery for improvement. In the process of moving the 2-3 year old class from the Nursery into the new wing, (giving the nursery more room) there was a need of carpet on the 2-3 year old classroom. It was carpeted in November costing \$189.00. Three new cribs were purchased for the Nursery (\$49.00 each) and Frank Peterson built a changing table for the cost of materials (\$75.00) and \$400.00 was spent at this point. The Nursery needed new carpet and was done costing \$409.12 and the Intercom was installed in the Nursery too.

In March 1988, Mrs. Roma Wilder painted animals on the walls of the two Nursery rooms.

Danny's office received a new flourscent light fixture costing \$50.00.

Some of the highlights of the church letter revealed in 1986 the following:

409 Members (1985-372)	41 Baptisms
320 Resident Membership	other additions 14
100 in Vacation Bible School	18 moved membership

The Deacons took over the Tape Ministry in October 1986, taking tapes of the Worship Services to shut-ins, each week.

Dr. Paul Rader came for Homecoming as the speaker and his expenses were paid (\$150.00) in October 1986.

There was a Special Service for the High School graduates which were: Melonie Batts, Ann McRae, Cindy Russell from Southern Wayne High School and the college graduates were: Carol Carson (ECU), Betty Carole Jackson (MOC), Jeanell Owen (WCC) and Bill White (UNC-W). They were all recognized in the Morning Worship and presented a book as well as the message directed to the graduates.

Rev. Mills attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia with his family and took the following week for vacation. Rev. Danny Williams,

Associate Pastor filled the pulpit June 15, 1986.

The Library was moved once more by the Librarian, Lois Peterson beside the Choir Room to its permanent location, hopefully.

The Youth had a car wash on July 31, 1986, and grossed \$355.00 with expenses of food (\$55.00 for the youth participating) and cleaning supplies, netting \$262.00. Each car was washed for a donation of \$5.00. They worked from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It was a great success and the following day went to the beach for rest and relaxation.

A tape duplicator was purchased to duplicate tapes of the Morning and Evening Worship services for the shut-ins and those who have missed the service due to illness. Those wanting a copy of the services could purchase one for a donation of \$2.00.

Danny Williams taught the youth (7th grade up), a session on "Understanding Your Parents" from August 6 - September 10, 1986 on each Wednesday evening.

A job description was written for the Nursery Worker on June 6, 1986, by the Personnel Committee (Wallace Horton, Ruth Howell and Pastor in Coordination with the Nursery Coordinator, Claudia Russell.) Upon church approval it was coordinated with Linda Bunn, nursery worker. Shortly thereafter, at the end of June she didn't return to work. The Nursery went on a volunteer basis and the Coordinator asked for volunteers and a sign-up sheet was made. This continued and the search for another Nursery worker is still in the process as of September 1988.

Janie Poarch had been asked two years prior to the summer of 1986 to repaint the mountain in the baptistry scene by the Properties Committee, which she did voluntarily in 1986. We all get to enjoy this each time of a baptism or whenever the curtains are opened.

The 5th Sunday night Singspiration consisting of talent from Love Memorial invited Providence United Methodist, Black Jack FWB, Brodden United Methodist, and Emmaus Baptist to come and participate. Danny Williams prepared the program, March 29, 1986 which was a time of worship, fellowship and refreshments. August 30, the Sing was held at Emmaus Baptist at 7 p.m. and Nov. 29, 1987 it was held at Love Memorial. Another Sing was held Jan. 31, 1988 at Rhodes Friends.

The Sunday School scheduled a Family Picnic at Love Memorial Park - a first for Love Memorial! Everyone brought a picnic lunch on May 23, 1986 and enjoyed fun and games from 2 'til 5 followed by a delicious picnic supper. There were approximately 25 who attended.

Each year a Sunday is set aside for Pastor Appreciation Day! August 17, 1986 was the date selected to honor Rev. Mills. The church took he and his family out to lunch. Here is a note that the Pastor wrote to Love Memorial following that occasion.

"Mary, Marsha, Jonathan and I would like to thank you for letting us be a part of you for the past year. We especially thank all of you who honored us last Sunday at Caroline's Restaurant. As we begin our second year as Pastor and People working together May God give us another year as good as the first."

Love,
Pastor Mills

Rev. Larry Tapp, father of Brenda Abernathy, (Pianist), and pastor in Picuyune, Mississippi brought the Morning Message, August 24, 1986.

Love Memorial, by September 1986 under the leadership of Rev. Mills had been blessed with 55 additions, 41 of which were baptised.

The Neuse Association met (Oct. 6, 1986) at Love Memorial with the Hospitality Committee preparing a meal at 6:30 for \$2.50 with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

There was a Film Revival October 13-16, 1986 at 7 p.m. each evening with films entitled "Sowing Positive Seeds", "How To Be A Positive Parent", "Channeling God's Beautiful Gift", and "Love Is Spelled T-I-M-E".

On November 8, 1986, Rev. Danny Williams took the youth to "Youth Day" at Duke.

In December 1986 the average attendance in Sunday School was 135.

The Deacons were host to the Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. It was well attended, and everyone was in the spirit of Christmas afterwards.

The Lottie Moon goal was set in 1986 at \$1,800.00. The contributions exceeded the goal by an offering of \$2,100.00.

As time rolls by another year begins! It was January 1987 and the sign in front of the sanctuary was turned around by the Properties Committee, so it could be seen from either side and the shrubbery repositioned. A minimum amount of \$100.00 was set that Properties could use without coming to the Church for approval instead of the previous set amount of \$25.00.

Rev. Mills started a New Pastor's Bible Sunday School Class January 11, 1987. Due to the lack of space they met in the kitchen. This was a class for anyone not presently enrolled in a Sunday School Class. It grew from three and prospered.

There was a need for an Inter-com between the three offices and a church family donated the funds for the inter-com, in January 1987 and Russell Ault and George Wilson installed it.

First African Baptist Church again came to Love Memorial on February 7, 1987, having a joint service at 5 p.m. Dr. Isaac Horton, pastor of First African Baptist, was the speaker with choirs from both Love Memorial and First African rendering special music. Refreshments and fellowship followed in the fellowship hall.

Mr. Buck Roebuck was the speaker on February 15, 1987 from The Last Resort Ministry in Goldsboro at 7 p.m. He also had written a book, which he had with him.

Rev. Danny Williams expressed a need for a Youth Room and desired removing a wall in the old building (wall on the right as you enter the front--between the two rooms) making a large room. It was approved at the March 11, 1987 Business meeting to be done. Rev. Williams, Jerry Clark, Jeremy and David Singleton removed the wall, saving the paneling to finish up the room, but to this date it has been been finished. A television and a table was donated by Elbert Dixon for the Youth Room.

The heat was redirected from the Choir Room to include Rev. Williams' office along with the Pastor's Study and secretary's office on March 11, 1987 (costing \$127.50 for supplies, labor was donated by Jackie Rivenbark).

The treasurer/bookkeeper of Love Memorial is a very big job with a great responsibility and has been a volunteer position since the beginning of the church. Ruth Howell served as treasurer from 1963 to 1978 when Reynold Jernigan became treasurer serving 1978-1980. Lloyd Purvis served from 1980-1981, Ruth Howell and Sarah Lynch were co-treasurers from 1981-1984, followed by Bill Moore serving from 1984-1986, Dawn Rollins February 1986-December 1986, Pat McRae Jan. 14, 1987 - Feb. 1, 1987, Brenda Abernathy Feb. 10, 1987 - Aug. 31, 1987, Betty Carole Jackson from September 1987 - March 9, 1988, Russell Ault April 13, 1988 until the present date.

Rev. Mills held a Revival at Rivermont Baptist Church, Kinston, N. C. on March 15-20, 1987. He also held a revival at Snow Hill First Baptist Church, Snow Hill, N. C. on March 29-April 2, 1987. He was invited to hold a revival at New Life Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C. and accepted the invitation for May 17-22, 1987, and October 18-23, 1987 he held a Revival at Pactolus Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

Robin Chapman, born in Ashville, N. C., a graduate of University of North Carolina, answered the call as Pastor of the Spanish Mission at Grantham. Feeling the Lord leading him into the ministry, Robin left his school teaching profession where he was teaching Spanish in High School, became a student again in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas and graduated May 1986. While a student at Southwestern, Robin worked in a Spanish church in Ft. Worth, in the field of Migrant Missions, where he met Edith and they were married in the summer of 1986.

Robin and his new bride, Edith came to Love Memorial and moved their church membership here November 2, 1986. Robin met with the Neuse Association Ordination Council who recommended he be ordained. The ordination was at Love Memorial Baptist Church at 3 p.m., February 15, 1987.

He served at the Spanish Mission until Jan. 28, 1988, when he rendered his resignation effective February 28, 1988 going to Smithfield Baptist Church still working with the Migrant Ministry. A reception was given at Love Memorial by the Neuse Association at 3 p.m. A love offering (\$123.00) was taken and given him at the reception.



Chapmans head mission

Robin and Edith Chapman head the Baptist Church and Hispanic Mission Center on U.S. 13 between Grantham and Newton Grove. The mission offers assistance to migrants who come to the Wayne-Lenoir-Greene counties area. Chapman is an Asheville native; Mrs. Chapman is originally from Mexico. (Staff photo by Sabrina Strickland)

Love Memorial offered the Spanish Mission a piano (previously used in the 3-4 year old class) but they had already been given one. Still trying to find a home for the piano, Rev. Mills had a request from his daughter-in-law for the piano, which the church approved, and it was taken to Virginia where they live.

Rev. Danny Williams, Associated Pastor stated the need of a Sound System (October 1986) to enhance the service, improve the taping and enable everyone to hear more clearly. Motions were defeated to purchase a sound system, at this time. In turn pledges were requested toward a Sound System and \$800.00 was pledged. It was referred back to the Music Committee for further study. In February 1987 there was only \$400.00 of these pledges received and Jerry Foster, from Professional Sound in Raleigh, N. C. was invited at the request of Rev. Williams to explain what we needed in sound equipment. As the sanctuary was enlarged by taking in the two Sunday School classrooms in the back, the accoustics were not as before. He suggested additional equipment needed (equalizer, speaker, and microphone) amounted to \$2,258.00 or a new system entirely at the cost of \$2,656.00 (with \$350.00 mostly covering labor, but also covering travel time, labor, meals and motels). This didn't meet the approval of the church and it was again referred back to the Committee to get a system when the money was available. (Feb. 1, 1987)

The Funds became available and Larry Bill arranged to get other sound equipment to take care of the sound on July 20, 1987, costing approx. \$600.00.

The Deacons and Pastor recommended Rev. Bill Gay to hold the Spring Revival, April 5-9, 1987 which was approved by the Church. There were no additions to the church during the revival, but felt spiritually uplifted. The Deacon families brought covered dish suppers each evening which was served in the Fellowship hall, during the revival, for the visiting evangelist and Rev. Mills and his family, and the families supplying the meals. Everyone was involved this way in the revival.

In April 1987 Love Memorial had an Easter Sunrise Service, here on the grounds.

A Youth group from W. Franklin Street Baptist Church came with their pastor, Phil Frady from Gastonio, N. C., bringing their sleeping bags the week of July 20-24, 1987. They came to work at the Spanish Mission. They stayed in the Sunday School building, which was approved by the Church, March 11, 1987.

Rev. Mills recommended the purchase of a 16mm projector costing \$450.00 (reg. cost \$1,200.00 when new). It was one year old. The church approved the purchase. The projector we had was traded to Frank Peterson (June 10, 1987) for a Poloroid camera (SX 70) to be used for taking pictures of new members as they join the church and can be placed on the New Members Board. (Previously pictures had been taken with a kodak camera owned by Edna Moore, but when film was no longer available from Kodak) The camera was needed.

The Migrant Spanish Mission was in need of a storage building. Love Memorial approved purchasing materials (April 1987) to build a building. Elbert Dixon requested help to build the shed and some men offered to help and to move it to the mission site. There were shingles left from building here, that were put on after it was moved to Grantham and the wiring was also done (June 1987) after the building was moved.



Mission Storage Building

As WMU was organized May 1888 -the WMU of Love Memorial was organized September 1967 - the bicentennial celebration started in 1987 by the local churches. In 1988 it will be celebrated throughout the state.

As the Neuse Association Baptist Seniors (NABS) had their first meeting at Love Memorial they requested to meet at Love Memorial May 21, 1987. Rev. Frank Bowers, previous pastor of Love Memorial, who was pastor when they met here (1975) was invited with the Senior Citizens from Parkton Baptist Church, to come and join them in their cover dish luncheon meeting. Rev. Bowers came with 16 Senior Citizens on a bus from Parkton, N. C. There were approximately 100 in attendance at the meeting.

The Youth sold car wash tickets for a fund raiser (for \$4.85) to be washed at a local car wash in Goldsboro. There was a Backyard Bible Club at the home of Pat Smith on June 15-19 (10 a.m. - 12 noon). This was an outreach for those unchurched. About 4 youth helped Rev. Williams with the Club.

June 20, 1987 was Preparation Day for Vacation Bible School from 3 to 5 p.m. The youth passed out fliers to inform the area on VBS on June 22-26, 1987. Jerry and Linda Clark were the teachers for the youth from 7-9 p.m. VBS Commencement Program was 7 p.m. June 26th. Refreshments were served afterwards. High attendance was 123.

The Boy Scout Troop #100 that was meeting at Love Memorial, let the charter lapse and without enough boys was not picked up. All boy scout camping equipment that belonged to Larry Bill and David Russell was donated to the RA's at Love Memorial.

The Church voted to sent Rev. Mills to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 13-19, 1987, with Mary, Marsha and Rev. Mills going as messengers.

Mrs. Danny Williams brother in Florida was deathly ill in Florida and a special love offering was taken up in order for the Williams family to go to Florida, July 4, 1987.

Rev. Danny Williams tendered his resignation July 26, 1987 effective August 26, 1987 to take a position in Florida. At the August Business meeting he stated "I would like to say how appreciative I am of the past year. Love Memorial will always have a special place in my heart. Keep on, Keeping on". "There is so much potential here. Keep me in your prayers." Rev. Mills in turn expressed his appreciation to Rev. Williams for his time here.

There was a special love offering taken following the Morning Worship Service, August 23 in the amount of \$541.00 plus more was given following the Evening Worship service.

Love Memorial participated in the Sunday School Growth Campaign 1090 by 1990, taking place of the Fall Revival (costing \$300.00). The Kick-off Campaign started September 13 (Saturday) with a dessert social. Sunday there was a covered dish luncheon followed by a People Search, a snack and at 5:30 Sunday Growth Session. It was led by LaCount Anderson, a graduate of Southeastern Theological Seminary, and minister of Education at Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, N. C. He commuted each evening through September 20th. The purpose was to evaluate Love Memorial and lead to a better Sunday School.

Ten million enrolled in Sunday School by the year 1990 is what the 1090 Campaign was all about.

The Personnel Committee contacted Bill Sawyer to be considered as Minister of Youth and Music. He came and led the music at the 5th Sunday Night Sing at Love Memorial. As his wife was employed by a Methodist Church, which required the whole family to be members made it impossible for him to come to Love Memorial in this position as Love Memorial requires a Minister of Youth and Music to be a member here. The Personnel Committee continued to search for a Minister of Youth and Music.

Rev. M. O. Sears was invited to come as Homecoming speaker, October 11, 1987. The Hospitality Committee (Edna Moore, chairman, Bill Moore, Ann and Willard Spell, Mattie and Elbert Dixon, Mildred and Clifton Connor, Mildred and Lewis Tilghman) set up tables and chairs with tablecloths for Homecoming having seating area for 108 all inside and 20 or so went outside at picnic tables. Rev. Sears was given

an honorarium for coming for homecoming and this was received in reply:

Dear Brother Mills and Friends of Love Memorial,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be with you during Homecoming service. One cannot help but feel the presence of the Holy Spirit among such a wonderful fellowship of believers. I appreciate your liberal honorarium. Thanks for being so loving and kind.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

M. O. Sears

Prior to the Convention in Greensboro (Nov. 1987) at the Church Business Meeting on Oct. 14, 1987, it was announced Love Memorial was eligible to have 5 messengers and only three had been elected to go, which were Rev. Mills, Mary Mills and Joeann Ault. It was asked if there were any other nominations and Ruth Howell and Peggy Bill were elected to go. It was asked if the church could instruct the messengers how to vote. We were told the messengers voted their convictions by secret ballot and would not go under those conditions. The Church desired to see the President of the State Convention to be someone who believes the Bible and wished to go on record as to this effect. When the time came to go Peggy Bill was unable to attend.

November 1987 as stated above was designated "I Love My Church Month". Special sermons were preached each Sunday and on November 1, 1987, Edna Moore, Church secretary was presented a plaque for 10 years of service that read: 10 years loyal service as church secretary November 1, 1977 - November 1, 1987 Members of Love Memorial Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C. November 22, 1987 was designated Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Rev. Mills was presented a Bible. He and his family were taken out to lunch at Western Sizzlin' by the church membership.

The area light was moved to the handicapped area and two additional lights were added in front of the church for better lighting.

Rev. Bobbie Belcher was invited by Pastor Mills (July 9, 1986) to come and explain the new expanded Annuity Plan, that would go into effect Jan. 1, 1988 for Pastors and Staff.

Love Memorial voted to participate in the new expanded Annuity Plan for Pastors and Staff at the November 21, 1987 Budget Promotion Meeting and approved at the December Church Business Meeting when the Budget was approved for 1988. It was discussed and decided a 5% raise for all employees was feasible to participate in the Annuity Plan for 1988. Forms were submitted to the Personnel Committee (Wallace Horton, Chairman) on November 30, 1987 were sent to the State Baptist Annuity Board and forwarded on the the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas.

A Tractor Fund was started November 11, 1987 and by March 1st there was \$6,460.00 in the Fund. A John Deer tractor, about 1 year old was purchased Feb. 24, 1988 from Neil Kendrick for \$6,000.00. The balance left in the fund was \$460.00 which was to go toward the purchase of a Woods mower at the cost of \$950.00. It was purchased April 7, 1988 from Aycock Tractor Company

The Insurance coverage of the church property was looked into and a Company (Church's Mutual) which just insures churches, was contacted and the matter was taken before the church and voted to change insurance companies. The Company covers compensation which is needed when over two are employed, and the bus is also covered under the same policy (Costing \$2,045.00 per year). George Wilson, trustee took care of the insurance starting Dec. 6, 1987. The previous policies were canceled on the church and bus, and a refund was received from the Bus insurance.

It was voted October 14, 1987 to participate in the World Missions Conference in April 24-27, 1988 (costing \$250.00). Plans were made to transport the visiting missionary, who was Bobby Stafford, from Cary, N. C. to the various churches. On Sunday, April 24, the Missionary speaking here was William Andrews (a foreign missionary). Monday the missionary speaker was James Craven (Home missionary); Tuesday Miss Shirley Gunn, (Foeign Missionary) and Wednesday, Samuel Young, (home Missionary). That was a great week!

Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Sears celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 21, 1987 at Adamsville Baptist Church. A reception was planned by their children, and a love offering of \$100.00 was given to the Sears. Rev. Sears served as Interim Pastor from 1984-1985.

The Constitution and By-Laws were revised by a Committee consisting of George Wilson, chairman, Fred Claypool, Russell Ault, Ruth Howell, Rev. Mills and Edna Moore. It was completed, approved at the Church Business Meeting and distributed by the Deacons in December 1987.

The flowers for the sanctuary changed florists, and Jean Cox started providing flowers in December 7, 1987 for \$15.00 each week, delivering them to the church each week. Sarah Lynch is the Flower Coordinator and takes care of the flower calendar, which has worked very well for Love Memorial, with each one having the flowers paying the church each time when they have flowers for a specific date.

The Church Budget for 1988 was set in the amount of \$104,719.00, needing \$2,014.00 each week to meet the needs of the churches expenses.

The Lottie Moon Goal was set December 1987 for \$2,500.00 and did not meet their goal as only \$1,608.25 was contributed.

The Deacons prepared the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service and many came.

In January 1988 Griffin Exterminating Company treated the ground in the Wing in order to be accepted by Griffin Exterminators for \$340.00. Now Love Memorial is under contract with them.

The Youth went on a Winter Weekend to Ridgecrest February 19-21, 1988. A van was rented for transportation. Most of the budgeted funds for the Youth had been spent for this weekend and Fund raisers were planned. There was a Spaghetti Supper for May 19th (for donations of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children) which was a great success; a car wash and a Pancake supper which also brought in other monies.

The Youth had a Valentine Banquet February 11, 1988, but the Adults didn't have one in 1988.

They also had a lock-in on March 18, 1988 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Youth Sunday was observed with the Youth teaching Sunday School classes followed by the youth having the Morning Worship Service on March 13, 1988.

The Youth who were growing up here in 1983-1985 had projects and put some of their earned money in a CD Account, which matured Jan. 15, 1988, in the amount of \$900.00. It was placed in a Savings Account until it was needed in July which amounted to \$957.68 which was deposited July 19, 1988. This money was used for a Youth Summer Worker.

Love Memorial applied for a Youth Corp Worker, and were told in April that there weren't enough workers available however Jimmy Leonard, a 19 year old Wingate College student applied and was assigned to Love Memorial. He arrived June 5, 1988, and was welcomed by the church with dinner in the fellowship hall on June 12th. He was furnished lodging, 3 meals a day and gas mileage. The summer consisted of Bible Study, Youth Choir, a youth revival (July 22-24), Mile Warrenkee Concert in Raleigh, beach trips to Fantasy Lake and Surf City and a week at Caswell (Aug. 1-6) with 7 going. Michelle Chappell Chaperoned the girls and Jimmy Leonard the boys. On their return from Caswell, the Youth had the Evening Service 'Reflecting on Caswell. The summer drew to a close with Jimmy Leonard leaving to go back to Wingate College. A love offering in the amount of \$75.00 was given Jimmy as he departed. There is a need for a Part-time youth worker here year round for the youth at Love Memorial.



The WMU observed the Week of Prayer, March 6, beginning with a 9 a.m. Prayer Breakfast. Programs were planned by the Baptist Women for each morning of the week March 6-12 at 9:30 a.m. The Annie Armstrong goal was set at \$1,988.00 and contributions reached \$2,060.38. It is great to exceed a goal!

The Baptist Women visited Medical Park Nursing Home in Mount Olive, N. C. for their Mission Project.

The Nominating Committee consisting of George Wilson (1989), Charles McRae (1989), Ron Craig (1990), Claudia Russell (1990) and David Russell (1990) added Ethel Creech (1991) and Laura Smith (1991) in April 1988 to serve.

The Food Lion helped the Baptist Children's Homes, by giving 5% of all sales receipts sent in on purchases made April 18-20. Bill Crouch came to Love Memorial on May 5 and spoke on Baptist Children's Homes.

All RA's, GA's and Acteens from Love Memorial participated in the Track Meet on April 30th at South Lenoir High School in Kinston, which was an all day affair. They enjoyed the participation.

The World Missions Conference went off according to schedule, April 24-27, with speakers each

evening. The speakers were: Rev. William Andrews, retired Foreign Missionary who served in Chile from 1950-87; Rev. James Cravens, Home Missionary; Miss Shirley Gunn, Missionary to Nigeria; Rev. Samuel L. M. C. Young, Chaplain serving in Richmond, Virginia as Executive Director of Drug and Alcohol Education Services. It was enjoyed by all who came for the World Missions Conference.

On May 1, 1988, the Senior Adults of Love Memorial had their First Senior Adult Day, having the Morning Worship Service. It was well received.

The Baptist Women participated in the WMU Centennial Happening May 22 at 7 p.m., which was very informative and reviewed the past 100 years of WMU.

The Homes and Hospitals Goal was \$675.00 and \$594.50 was contributed - not quite making the goal.

The Acteens Recognition Service was June 12, 1988 and awards were presented - Jo Linda Peterson received Queen and Queen with Scepter award; Marsha Mills received Queen with Scepter, and Queen Regent; Jennifer Pue received Queen, and Jenny Asbell received the Queen award. It takes a great deal of hard work to accomplish these steps in Acteens and Love Memorial is very proud of the girls and their accomplishments.

Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Mary Mills had a good attendance of 100. It was held each morning starting at 9 a.m. to 12 noon, June 20-24 - Monday through Friday. The Youth met each evening from 7-9 p.m. A special program was enjoyed on Commencement Night, June 26, 1988.

Love Memorial lent their Pulpit to Roger Carlson to speak before a Pulpit Committee from Glenn Raven on May 15th. They called him as their Pastor. He and his family were former members of Love Memorial and he was licensed to preach here at Love Memorial. He was ordained to preach, August 28, 1988 at 3 p.m. at Glenn Raven Baptist Church in Kinston with the membership of Love Memorial being invited to the ordination.

The Properties Committee recommended to the Church the need to purchase a Cannon Copier, which was approved costing \$2,450.00. Conations were requested and the balance not donated was to be paid out of the budget. The copier arrived April 15, 1988 and has been greatly used since.

The Sunday School attendance in May was 132. The Sunday School office was moved from the Choir Room across from the Pastor's Study. This is where all the Sunday School records are kept and reports filled out Sunday morning.

Deacons were nominated, June 5, 1988. There were three rotating off, which were Wallace Horton, Elbert Dixon and David Russell. The Deacons serving actively thru 1990 were: Frank Peterson vice-chairman (1989); Charles McRae (1989); N. B. Perkins (1989); Donald Lynch (1990) and Norman Abernathy (1990). Wallace Horton served as Chairman the past two years, but resigned effective August 10, 1988, as he was being transferred to Reidsville, and Frank Peterson, Vice-chairman became the Chairman. Deacons were elected September 11, 1988 which were Russell Ault (1991), Ollie Minchew (1991), George Wilson (1991) Toby Faucette (1991) and Pete Smith (1991).

It was recommended by the Deacons and Pastor, and approved by the Church Business Meeting to have "John White Day" on July 24, 1988. Charles McRae, N. B. Perkins, and Norman Abernathy were designated to set up an Educational Schlorship Fund, preferrably for ones going into the ministry in John White's memory. This was an idea of Pastor Mills, as he thought it a good idea for someone who had been a pastor to be remembered in such a thoughtful way, which was agreed upon by the Church body. Rev. Dick Westbrook, a long time friend of Rev. John White's was invited to speak. Family and friends were invited to the service as well as the membership of Love Memorial. It was well attended and a dinner in the fellowship hall followed. There have been donations to date amounting to \$389.00 as of September 1, 1988.

Upon the request of Betty Carole Jackson, treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Howell, assistant treasurer took over the check writing as of February 15, 1988,

as Betty Carole was out of town during the week. Betty Carole continued to keep the books and made the monthly reports until March 9, 1988, when she resigned as treasurer. Russell Ault was elected treasurer, April 13, 1988 and he put everything in a computer at the Neuse Association office, where he also serves as treasurer. It took many long hours to accomplish this and now it is easier to get a print out of the various accounts for monthly reports etc.

Rev. Mills held a Revival - June 5-8, 1988 (Sunday - Wednesday) at Pineview Baptist Church.

Getting ready to start a new year, in June 1988 the following officers were elected.

1988-89 Ron Craig, Sunday School Director
1987-88 Jean Carson, Stewardship Director
1987-88 Joeann Ault, United Church Ministries
1987-88 Ruby Pate, Hospitality Committee

The 5th Sunday Night Sing was at Providence United Methodist in May and at Love Memorial Baptist Church on July 31, 1988 with good music and refreshments and fellowship to follow.

The Personnel Committee (Wallace Horton, George Wilson, Rev. Mills, and Russell Ault) contacted Miss Michelle Chappell, a student at Southeastern Seminary for full time Minister of Music position in the summer (June 11-Aug. 15) 9 weeks at \$200.00 per week (Monday - 4 hours, Wednesday - 3 hours, and 6 hours on Sunday with 2 revivals and 2 cantatas). After the 9 weeks she would return to her studies at the Seminary and would go on part-time for \$125.00 per week. This met with church approval and she started June 11. New music was ordered and choir members in the youth and adult choirs were recruited.

A Choir Festival was planned, which was quite successful for all ages of children, youth and adults on August 28, 1988. It started with a hotdog supper at 6 p.m. followed by a service conducted by Michelle Chappell, Minister of Music at 7 p.m. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Since Michelle Chappell, Minister of Music has taken over the direction of the Children's Choir, at an additional \$100.00 a month, as approved September 14, 1988 in the Business Meeting.



Minister of Music

Another Sunday School Class has been added for Young Married to Age 30, taught by Steve Sumner.

The State Missions Goal was set at \$950.00 for the year 1988.

Christmas in August was planned as usual in 1988, and the Baptist Women set a collection box in the vestibule for items to be sent to Linda Ballard, the home missionary selected to receive Christmas in August items needed in her field. She is a hospital Chaplain in Sunland Center, an institution for the developmentally disabled. The items collected were mailed to her in September.

Further publicity was recommended for Love Memorial by taking an ad in the Seymour-Johnson Base Guide costing \$175.00 per year, which was approved by the Church Business Meeting.

There have been 24 additions to Love Memorial since October 1987 under the leadership of Rev. Mills. Eight of this 24 were received by baptism. Since Rev. Mills came to Love Memorial there have been 97 additions to the membership, and 53 of these were by baptism, since August 1985.

Rev. Julian R. Mills, Sr. tendered his resignation as pastor, July 24, 1988, effective through August 31, 1988. He was called to North Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N. C. He went on vacation August 21-27 at which time he and his family were moved to the new field to serve. He returned August 28th for his final sermon on Sunday morning, but returned to the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and at Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday evening, completing the final session of Priesthood of the Believer.

A Pulpit Search Committee was selected by the Deacons and Church Council and approved by the Church. They were Donald Lynch, Norman Abernathy, Ken Smack, Jean Carson, Joeann Ault and Doris Jernigan. They have met and Norman Abernathy was elected as chairman, and Joeann Ault as secretary. They will be searching for a pastor shortly, with the Pulpit Committee being allowed one meal to be paid for by the Church, and gas allowance of 20¢ a mile for travel.

Rev. Ray Hodge, retired this year from First Baptist Church in Kinston, was contacted by Wallace Horton, Chairman of Deacons and agreed to serve as Interim Pastor. He will fill the pulpit Sunday morning and Sunday evening, and have Prayer and Bible Study each Wednesday evening, as well as being available for weddings, funerals and all emergencies for \$225.00 a week, plus \$50.00 a week for gas mileage. Extra expense will be added for phone calls made for church related business from Kinston. He started as Interim September 4 at the Evening Worship Service. Due to a previous commitment Rev. Hodge could not be here for the Morning Worship service and Rev. Eugene Warrick brought the morning message. This met the approval of the Church Business Meeting August 10, 1988.



Rev. Ray Hodge
Interim Pastor
(September 4, 1988 -

Wallace Horton, Chairman of deacons, tendered his resignation effective August 10, 1988 after accepting a position with Burlington Industries at Reidsville, N. C. and will be moving. The Vice Chairman of Deacons, Frank Peterson became the Chairman.

The office continued to be open daily from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and the Lord's work is continuing. Love Memorial now has a membership of 420. The various Committees will continue to meet and plan and work here in the Mar-Mac Community.

As we look to the future ministry of Love Memorial we are aware that we are only limited by the willingness of its members to be led by the Holy Spirit.

WOMAN'S MISSION UNION
OF
LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Shortly after Madison Avenue Mission was built and services held in 1963, mission work began. The Woman's Missionary Union started by meeting at Madison Avenue Baptist Church. Ann Spell was elected the first president with 5 members. They continued on until 1967 when Joeann Ault moving to the Mar-Mac community and joining Love Memorial was asked to be WMU president. Loving the work as she did she took on the responsibility and continued as director until 1977.

Programs were revamped during that time and the ladies were called Baptist Women and other organizational names were also changed. New literature and magazines were added as well as Young Baptist Women.

In 1971 the following awards were received:
WMU - Merit award, GA's (ages 6-11) - Merit award,
GA's (Grades 4-6) - Merit award, Acteens, (ages 12-17)
Advanced Award.

Annie Armstrong was a role model for the WMU. In her final message in 1938, the year of her death, she said these words: "After study of God's Word comes study of the fields. Then people pray. Then they give." She led countless people to believe likewise and follow her lead to putting this to practice. As a child she had been strongly influenced by a Mission-minded, prayer oriented mother. Annie followed her example with prayer becoming a daily habit in her life.

Intercessary Prayer for Missions was a major part of Annie Armstrong's prayer life, praying regularly for missionaries and their work as well as the needs of people everywhere to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. She believed that missionaries were our "substitutes" therefore it was the christian's responsibility to undergird them with prayer. Her letters and messages were peppered with mission prayer concerns.

In 1967 the Sunbeams were started and Betty Jackson was the first leader with Margaret Cox as a helper.

The GA's were added also in 1969.

When Rachel Rawls joined Love Memorial she asked the Pastor if she could start an Acteens in 1970, as she had always worked with missions and had a daughter of that age. Rachel became very involved and was acteen leader several years until 1976.

WMU Directors



Ann Spell 1963-



*Joann Ault
(1970-1977)*



*Betty Jackson
(1977-1978)*



*Rachel Rowls
(1978-1986)*



*Lois Peterson
(1986-1989)*

The WMU received the level of "Merit" recognition for their achievement in the year 1970-71. The GA Program thrived and a Coronation service was held on February 21, 1971 honoring the girls and their achievements. The GA's received a "Merit" achievement and Acteens received an "Advanced" achievement.

The RA's (Boys) won recognition at the RA track meet under the direction of Frank Peterson, in 1972.

Annie Armstrong Goal for 1972 was \$100.00, and \$92.43 was contributed - it fell a little short of its goal, but did well.

On June 13, 1973, a recognition service and tea was held for all GA's and prospects and their parents.

An Acteen Recognition service was held October 1, 1972 and they qualified as "distinguished", which was the highest recognition given. Five girls were crowned "Queens" which were Jeannie Bowers, Marilyn Fortner, Loreice Jernigan, Karen Owen, and Kim Peterson under the direction of Rachel Rawls, acteen leader.

The Home Mission Offering Goal was set February 20, 1972 at \$100.00.

In 1970 when the names were changed, the plan was for the WMU to teach missions, engage in mission action, support World Missions through praying and giving and provide and interpret information regarding the work and denomination. It is an education to be involved in the work whether it's Mission Friends (ages 2-5 years), GA's, Acteens or Baptist Women. This is where you learn of the work of Missionaries how to pray for their work and needs as well as the culture of the country in which they serve and where it is located. In 1976-77 the WMU Director was Joeann Ault; secretary was Jean Carson, Acteens Leader - Juliette Cannon, GA leaders - Kay Fortner and Rachel Rawls and Mission Friends - Penny Vinson. There were 10 members attending.

The Mission work continued at Love Memorial with Betty Jackson becoming WMU Director in 1977-78, with Emma Owen (President), Jean Carson (Secretary/Treasurer), Ida Medlin (Program chairman) and Merle Effler and Joyce Thompson (Mission Action) with 9 members attending at that time. These were some of their projects - Associational Mission Action - giving Women's Prison in Raleigh knee socks and stuffed animals.

In 1978 Rachel Rawls was elected WMU Director - serving until 1986. Baptist Women had an average attendance of 8. They set the Lottie Moon Goal at \$300.00 which was approved by the Church and exceeded it by contributions of \$366.75. Annie Armstrong Goal was set at \$250.00 and \$262.45 was given, North Carolina Missions Goal of \$350.00 was set with \$241.89 contributed. The only mission organization at Love Memorial in 1978 was the Baptist Women.

Mission Friends was started again in 1978 meeting during the Worship Hour each Sunday morning. Leaders were found for Acteens and GA's. The officers in 1978-79 were: WMU Director - Rachel Rawls; Mission Action leader - Ida Medlin; Secretary - Jean Carson; Mission Friends Leader was Teresa Van Roekel; GA Leader - Louise Page; Acteens Leader - Teresa Johnson (Advanced) and Baptist Women President was Emma Owen. There was an average attendance of 8 with Council meetings quarterly. The following mission projects were done:

1. Associational Mission actions in Women's Prison, Raleigh (Mascara, lipstick, clip earrings purchased and given)
2. \$25.00 given to a needy family at Love Memorial
3. Missionary prayer partners.
4. Sunshine baskets prepared and taken to shut-ins
5. Rose buds in vases taken to shut-ins
6. Church-wide - Christmas in August (items collected and sent)
7. Visits to shut-ins
8. Gifts were given to youth at Kennedy Home (in David Russell's cottage)
9. Weeks of Prayer observed
10. August 1 - World Day of Hunger observed.

Mission projects were done each month by the Baptist Women. Prior to this time, they were done quarterly or now and then.

In 1979-80 Mission Friends and Acteens were dropped due to lack of leadership. The Church re-elected Rachel Rawls as WMU Director, Becky Bevell (Secretary/treasurer), Ida Medlin and Dixie Parker (Mission Action Chairpersons), Merle Effler and Edna Moore (Enlistment Enlargement, and Jean Carson

(Baptist Women's President), Program Chairman - Emma Owen and Kay Fortner, Acteens - Teresa Johnson disbanded and there wasn't a leader, and Louise Page as GA leader.

Mission Friends leader Teresa Van Roekel disbanded and no leader was found to replace her. Weeks of prayer were observed and Mission studies were done. Installation service and World Day of Prayer were observed. There was a GA Lock In and in February Focus Week was observed. The projects for that year were: Gifts and visits to Strickland Rest Home, Visits to Gregory Nursing Home, Birthday cards sent to missionaries, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were prepared and delivered. On September 28, 1979 there was a tea for all new members.

The WMU led the church in observance of the Week of Prayer, all Mission Studies, Cooperative Program and World Day of Hunger. Dr. Alton Hood, a foreign medical missionary was invited to speak at the church on his work in Thailand. This gave the Acteens an opportunity to meet and interview him first hand for their achievements. This year began the "Bold Mission Thrust" by setting goals higher for Mission offerings (to \$1,000.00 and \$1,200.00) and exceeding them, with the exception of N. C. Missions which fell short of the goal by \$200.00.

In 1980-81 the WMU Director was Rachel Rawls, Ramona Horton (Secretary), Ida Medlin (Mission Actions) and Sandy Sommerfeld (GA leader).

These projects were done:

1. Fruit baskets were sent to shut-ins
2. Sent cheer cards, delivered Gospels of John book to hospitals, beauty shops, barber shops etc.
3. Sponsored a child for children's home resident
4. Observed Focus Week, the Week of Prayer and Missions Studies and a Puppet Show on Cooperative Program Day.

In 1980-81 the WMU also prepared a Welcome Packet for all new church members including letters of Welcome from all Department chairpersons, a church directory, church Constitution and By-laws booklet and even a cookbook compiled of recipes

from the Love Memorial members which were printed in the church office and put together by the Baptist Women with the help of Pastor White and Edna Moore, Church secretary.

On October 24, 1982, Sara Ann Hobbs for the State Baptist Convention was invited to come and speak on Missions.

In 1982-83 the WMU led the church in increased giving by 15% for Christmas Lottie Moon offering and Annie Armstrong Easter offering. The World Day of Hunger was begun, and contributions were made by giving up the amount of one meal for this purpose.

The officers in 1982-83 were WMU Director - Rachel Rawls, secretary - Joeann Ault, Mission Action Director - Ida Medlin, Enrichment and Enlistment - Ramona Horton, Baptist Women's President - Jean Carson, Acteens leader - Denise Burrow, and GA leaders - Lois Peterson and Joyce Thompson.

April 23, 1983 was the date Love Memorial hosted the WMU Annual Spring Meeting here at Love Memorial.

On March 29, 1983 the Baptist Young Women met and organized a group with 18 ladies present. Officers were elected at the following meeting and their work began. They invited O'Berry people to come and have their worship here once a month. This continued about 6 months. Shortly thereafter the Baptist Young Women decided not to meet anymore, as the attendance dropped off.

The WMU sent out 60 personal letters with invitations to come to the WMU. Welcome kits were prepared, and a tea for new members were given.

The Mission Action projects were heading up a Fund for the Beards in which Love Memorial contributed \$241.00 which was a church-wide project. The WMU participated in O'Berry Devotions here at Love Memorial. \$15.00 was given to the Correctional Center in Raleigh and "Father's Day Out" was celebrated.

"Project John" was the distribution of the books of John which had the *schedule* of all of Love Memorial's activities and hours of worship on the back cover. Copies were distributed to hospitals,

doctors and dentist offices, barber and beauty shops etc.

In 1984-85 Love Memorial voted Rachel Rawls as the Centennial Chairman to promote WMU's 100 years of Missions. This year Associational Missions offering was begun. At the beginning of the Church year the WMU planned for the New Year setting goals to become a Merit, Advanced or distinguished WMU. They met faithfully each month and every quarter made plans and goals were set for the quarter. It was a very busy year. The 60th birthday of the Cooperative Program was celebrated by Love Memorial and was planned and promoted by the WMU. A decorated birthday cake was served with punch in the fellowship hall following a Church Business Meeting and a short program of WMU work here at Love Memorial. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Neuse Associational Missions offering grew to \$1,000.00

Study - Pray - Act - was the theme for WMU work! Some of the Mission Action projects were:

1. Going each month to the Soup Kitchen in Goldsboro - preparing and serving meals to the less fortunate
2. A Food Pantry was organized to have staples on hand in times of need
3. A clothes closet was organized having clothing on hand in times of disaster and for emergencies. Other projects being headed up by the WMU have been church-wide for Christmas in August when items were collected for Missionaries in the USA, and Thanksgiving baskets of food and gifts for families at Christmas and food for their Christmas dinner.

The WMU has a bulletin board which is used to publicize and advertise the Mission projects. It is updated every 2 weeks. Booksacks were purchased for needy children at school, lamps were purchased for Teen Challenge along with kitchen and personal items. Two chairs were bought for home missionaries, 43 gifts were given to Medical Park residents, devotions and skits were presented to Nursing homes and migrant mission kits were prepared with bath cloths, toothbrushes, combs, toothpaste, and soap etc.

The WMU met its goal in the year of 1985-86 and received the Distinguished award from the State Baptist Convention.

In the year 1986-87, Lois Peterson was elected WMU Director, and took the "interesting challenge". Besides doing the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, there were Mission Studies, and a week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions. The Acteens helped out with the Home Missions Week of Prayer Program that was held on Wednesday evening. They had their first Monday morning early Prayer breakfast (for those who were going to work and school at 7:00 a.m.) to begin the Week of Prayer in March 1987 for Home Missions. The Lottie Moon Goal was reached (Goal \$1,800.00 Contributed \$2,100.00), but the Annie Armstrong goal was not quite reached. The giving for Homes and Hospitals was low and so it was incorporated into the State Missions offering to reach the Goal.

There were 11 active Baptist Women, who continued to work faithfully with Mission Projects and the work here at Love Memorial.

Robin Chapman and his wife Edith came to the area to serve in the Neuse Association as Minister of the Spanish Migrant Mission. They became members of Love Memorial and he was ordained here at Love Memorial.

The Baptist Women helped with the ministry at the Spanish Mission by giving cookies, garbage bags and cups, as well as clothing from the clothes closet. Other needy families have been helped with the clothes closet. Snack packs were made up too. An Ironing board was purchased for \$30.00 for the Mission by our Baptist Women. One family grew hot peppers in their garden at Robin's request for the Migrants. Chilli peppers were bagged in zip-locked bags. First Aid kits were made up also. Robin presented the Home Mission Study in 1987 here at Love Memorial.

Food was taken to an unchurched family 2 days when her husband died, by the ladies. Valentines were sent to Missionary children and the Acteens corresponded with them.

The WMU started off their year (Oct. - Sept. 1988) with an Enlistment and Enlargement Campaign to start groups to spin off from Baptist Women. There was Prayer, Mission Action, Bible Study and Current Missions.

The Baptist Women were busy in October and went to Kirkwood Retirement Center and had a devotion. Clothes were collected for a needy family and Spanish Mission. They continued to participate in the Soup Kitchen each month at St. Stephens Episcopal Church through November.

The GA's made posters to emphasize the Cooperative Program, "Why I Love My Church (in Nov. 1988).

The foreign Mission Study on Korea was November 18 (a Wednesday night), for all age groups. During the break time a Korean Tasting meal had been prepared by Jo Linda Peterson and Joyce Thompson, for all to enjoy. Tables were prepared and lowered in order for everyone to sit on the floor as they do in Korea. The Adult teachers were Rachel Rawls, Rev. Mills, Joeann Ault, Gail Cowley and Lois Peterson. Other teachers for the other age groups were Jimmy Russell, Cindy Russell, Neal Kendrick, Gerry and Linda Clark. "The Many Faces of Korea", a video tape was viewed and added to the Film Library.

The Lottie Moon Goal was set at \$2,500.00 and \$1,661.25 was contributed. A visual of a styrofoam double circle was used with small flags of all the countries where Southern Baptist Missionaries are serving.

Boxes were placed in the vestibule by the WMU to collect food items for a family with 5 children. The food items were delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

In December, everyone participated in a church wide project by giving food and buying various items of clothing for several families. The food items and gifts were delivered in time for Christmas. Fruit baskets were also carried to shut-ins by the Baptist Women.

At Christmas, names and addresses of servicemen overseas were passed out and letters and Christmas cards were mailed as well as birthday cards sent to Missionaries having birthdays in December. Some of the servicemen have replied to the letter and cards sent.

Additional food was collected December 31st for a family in need which was delivered by Wallace Horton, chairman of deacons.

In January 1988 the WMU director, Lois Peterson and Enlistment Director, Ramona Horton, met all month with various groups.

Three of the Baptist Women, Rachel Rawls, Ruby Pate and Lois Peterson visited Medical Park Nursing Home in Mount Olive, in January and February. More food was taken to a needy family.

Focus Sunday was observed February 7th, during the Morning Worship Hour with all age groups of Mission work participating.

Valentines were sent to the children of Missionaries.

The GA's attended the Neuse Association Rally.

Lois Peterson, Joe Linda Peterson, Joeann Ault, Rachel Rawls and Merle Effler attended the Neuse Association Spring Meeting at Madison Avenue Baptist Church on March 24, 1988. Everyone carried a covered dish for the evening meal. Love Memorial was one of the Host Churches, and therefore the ladies from Love Memorial carried cakes for dessert and also 5 were to help serve. The churches were asked to make a banner and bring to be judged and one selected to be taken to the Centennial in Richmond, Virginia. Rachel Rawls made the banner from Love Memorial, receiving 2nd place.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions was observed in March. The WMU ladies and GA's attended the Mission Study at Falling Creek. A visual of a church constructed on the wall of the sanctuary with a theme "A Church for everyone".

Shut-ins were visited and lap robes were made by the Baptist women for hospital patients, and taken to the hospital.

The Spring Celebration at Campbell University was attended by the Acteens, in March from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Those attending were Jo Linda Peterson, Stephanie Sumner, Lisa Flowers, Leigh McRae, Jessica Reynolds, Mary Mills and Lois Peterson.

On January 30, 1988 the Acteen baked and carried cakes to the Soup Kitchen in Goldsboro. They also have helped to serve the lunch there.

Fruit baskets were taken to shut-ins in the community, both church members and non-church members. Hospital and Nursing Home visits were made. Three Baptist Women went to visit Mrs. Evelyn Barbour. One of the members visited her for her birthday and had a party for her - cake etc.

Rachel Rawls, elected as WMU Centennial Lady for Love Memorial and launched the Celebration on April 26, 1987 by giving cookies and "sweet reminders" (scriptures) attached. The vestibule was full of hanging history and logo's for the occasion. A Prayer Retreat was planned.

The Acteens attended a Rally at Madison Avenue. Acteens, GA's, RA's went to the Track Meet and won many ribbons, which made us proud.

Baptist Young Women ceased to meet August 1986.

There was not an active Brotherhood in 1986 but the RA's were active, and a Pioneer group was begun with Adult leadership.

The aim of the WMU is to concentrate all efforts on Mission Friends, GA's, Acteens teaching them to follow into Adulthood in the work of Missions.

Mary Mills served as Acteen leader with Roma Wilder as her assistant.

On February 7, 1988 the Acteens had a "Get-Acquainted Tea" for their Special Friends--(Widows of the Church and Community). The Acteens are assigned two Special Friends per girl and they do special things for them all year . On Mother's Day the girls gave each Special Friend a lovely Carnation.

In May the Acteens participated in the March of Dimes Walk. There were 5 girls who took part and raised \$170.00!!

The RA's gave the Acteens a Brithday Party on May 25th. A good time was had by all.

Easter baskets were made by needlework, filled with jelly beans and flowers and given to be used on hospital trays.

The Acteens and GA's attended the RA track Meet at South Lenoir High School. Many awards were received by RA's, GA's and Acteens.

The World Mission Conference, Association-wide was held at Love Memorial April 24-27. One evening the GA's and Acteens interviewed and fed a Missionary from Africa.

All the WMU material was moved to the garage building to be organized for better use.

The WMU Centennial Celebration was observed May 22, 1988. Altar flowers were ordered by the WMU and punch and cupcakes were served following the program. 100 candles were lit, which were in a wooden bowl, in the fellowship hall by the Baptist Women's president, Emma Owen. The fellowship hall was decorated with balloons with Mission Adventures, Studiact, Scrapbooks and pictures displayed by the GA and Acteen girls.

June 12, 1988 at 7 p.m. at Love Memorial was the date of the Acteen Recognition! The theme being "Jewels of His Kingdom". The theme interpretation was presented by Ms Jean Kirk, followed by a solo, "This Is Out Day" by Mrs. Joeann Ault. Ramona Horton presented the awards by Levels and Challenge. The "Queen" award was presented with a crown to Jenny Asbell, Jo Linda Peterson and Jennifer Pue. The "Queen with Scepter" award was

presented to Marsha Mills and Jo Linda Peterson and "Queen Regent" a cape was presented to Marsha Mills. They also received a rose and charms and a bracelet.



Marsha Mills, Jo Linda Peterson, Jennifer Pue and Jenny Asbell



ACTEEN RECOGNITION SERVICE

The Acteens: Jenny Asbell, Toshcha Biggins, Lisa Flowers, Tina Irvin, Leigh McRae, Marsha Mills, Jo Linda Peterson, Jennifer Pue, Jessica Reynolds, Stephanie Sumner and Christy Tucker.

The escorts were David Bill, Todd Bill, Jeff Pue, Brian Smith, Michael Smith, Jimmy Russell, Jeremy Singleton and Kevin Thornton.

Crown Bearers were Casey Craig, Jonothan Mills, Ashley Smith, and Shane Smith.

The ushers were Dana Horton and Amy Thompson.

Pocket money was given to the Hospital patients that are "forgotten"! And Health kits were prepared for the migrants.

On Wednesday evening August 20, the WMU had the State Missions Study. The State Missions Goal was \$950.00.

Koolaid, paper products and garbage bags were given to the Spanish Mission along with additional Health kits.

The Homes and Hospital Offering Goal was set in May, 1988 at \$660.00 and a visual reminder was displayed in the sanctuary to remind everyone of the goal. Only \$97.80 was contributed and it was put in a "cacoen" (or on hold) and held over to September when the State Missions Goal was set at \$920.00. (These two goals totaled \$1,580.00 and \$282.80 was given to Homes and Hospitals and \$713.89 given State Missions offering or a total of \$1,006.69.)

The leaders for the 1988-89 year were elected September 14, 1988 which are as follows:

Lois Peterson, WMU Director
Rachel Rawls, Secretary
Jean Carson, Enlistment & Enlargement Director
Merle Effler, Mission Action Director
Joeann Ault, Mission Study Director
Baptist Women President - Emma Owen
Acteen Leader - Brenda Abernathy
GA Leaders - Joyce Thompson
Beverly Carr
Mission Friends - Shirley Thornton
Ms Ann McRae

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

The 1980's meant bigger and better things for the RA Program at Love Memorial with David Russell and Neil Kendrick leading the Lads and Crusaders. Jerry Clark joined the Church in December 1986 and the Lord led him to lead the Pioneers. Many Activities started to take place along with weekly meetings on Wednesday. Some of the things that were done were to walk for World Hunger and raised \$90.00; had a Pancake Supper to raise money for Bibles for Russia and 19 Bibles were sent to Russia and other mission activities were done in the community. Over \$300.00 was raised in two Rummage Sales to help send the boys to Camp Caraway in August. The boys represented Love Memorial well in April 1988 at the Associational Track Meet with Lance Kornegay, Shane Smith and Kevin Thornton taking first place ribbons in many of the events. All of the boys who participated had fun and did well.

Love Memorial is proud of the RA's and with continued leadership, the Lord will continue to bless the boys. We pray they will continue to grow in number and be a positive force in the Mar-Mac community.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>
1966	\$	\$ 37.00
1967		25.00
1968		88.14
1969	75.00	77.66
1970	80.00	98.25
1971	88.00	101.50
1972	100.00	92.43
1973	100.00	112.56
1974	120.00	198.47
1975	150.00	115.25
1976	175.00	208.85
1977	200.00	196.17
1978	250.00	260.45
1979	500.00	580.00
1980	1,200.00	1,039.06
1981	1,225.00	1,120.95
1982	1,227.99	1,161.10
1983	1,400.00	1,545.39
1984	1,610.00	1,774.98
1985	1,850.00	1,510.51
1986	1,855.00	1,643.00
1987	1,987.00	1,788.71
1988	1,988.00	2,060.38

HOMES AND AGING

1969	\$ 26.31
1970	28.50
1971	unknown
1972	11.50
1973	24.00
1974	2.50
1975	43.46
1976	64.10

HECK-JONES

1972	1.00
1973	4.00

STATE MISSIONS
NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>GOAL</u>		<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>
1966	\$	25.00	\$	29.00
1967		50.00		32.00
1968		40.00		45.85
1969		50.00		55.17
1970		55.00		41.05
1971				119.00
1972				84.33
1973		75.00		87.61
1974		90.00		113.88
1975		120.00		103.78
1976		150.00		168.15
1977		175.00		404.00
1978		350.00		241.89
1979		1,000.00		1,159.56
1980		1,150.00		917.52
1981		1,150.00		853.65
1982		1,155.00		751.54
1983		1,175.00		1,220.33
1984		1,225.00		1,238.00
1985		1,250.00		1,148.65
1986		800.00		859.37
1987		920.00		713.89
1988		950.00		

HOMES AND HOSPITALS

1986	\$	800.00	\$	654.60
1987		660.00		282.80
1988		675.00		594.50

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

1969		34.34
1970		22.78
1971		unknown
1972		29.86
1973		35.00
1974		40.55
1975		7.30
1976		5.00

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
(Baptist Hospitals)

<u>YEAR</u>	
1968	\$13.50
1969	6.27
1970	20.71
1971	unknown
1972	5.00
1973	36.50
1974	37.66
1975	2.25
1976	33.37

These are the offerings Love Memorial has contributed to in the past 25 years.

In 1969 Love Memorial was receiving State Aid in the amount of \$32.69 and from Madison Avenue Baptist Church weekly in the amount of \$42.27.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, although it was a blessing to receive aid to get started as a church in the Mar-Mac community.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTION</u>
1966	\$	\$ 64.40
1967		55.00
1968		109.99
1969		120.60
1970		131.00
1971	90.00	93.00
1972	125.00	163.92
1973	150.00	230.74
1974	200.00	227.52
1975	250.00	300.00
1976	275.99	371.02
1977	350.00	366.75
1978	400.00	677.58
1979	1,200.00	1,287.29
1980	1,225.00	1,333.25
1981	1,250.00	1,200.07
1982	1,254.60	1,366.01
1983	1,442.79	1,687.40
1984	1,475.00	2,000.65
1985	1,750.00	2,042.61
1986	1,800.00	2,100.00
1987	2,500.00	1,608.25
1988		

BAPTIST COLLEGES

1974		\$ 26.15
1975		33.48
1976		15.30

FATHER'S DAY

June 15, 1969	\$ 8.18
June 21, 1970	23.65
June 18, 1972	10.00

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

1974	\$ 11.19
1975	10.00
1976	58.35

DEACONS OF LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>DEACON</u>	<u>ORDAINED</u>	<u>WHERE ORDAINED</u>
Norman Abernathy	Oct. 12, 1980	Niceville, Fla.
Don Akers	Feb. 26, 1967	Love Memorial
Russell Ault, Sr.	Dec. 20, 1970	Love Memorial
Gerald Batts	Oct. 14, 1973	Love Memorial
Stephen Burrow	Sept. 26, 1982	Love Memorial
Juliette A. Cannon	Oct. 13, 1976	Love Memorial
Roger A. Carlson	served 9/82	Emmaus Baptist
Tim Coppick	Dec. 16, 1984	Love Memorial
Willard T. Cox	1970	Love Memorial
Elbert Dixon	Sept. 11, 1978	Gulfport, Miss.
Donald R. Faucette	Oct. 16, 1983	Love Memorial
Raymond L. Ferree	Oct. 13, 1976	Love Memorial
Charles E. Fortner	Oct. 13, 1976	Love Memorial
Abner Wallace Horton	Oct. 18, 1981	Love Memorial
Ruth Tilton Howell	Dec. 13, 1970	Love Memorial
Delma E. Jackson	1960	Jordan's Chappell
Doris H. Jernigan	Dec. 13, 1970	Love Memorial
Reynold S. Jernigan	Apr. 12, 1981	Love Memorial
Bill Knapp	Oct. 8, 1972	Love Memorial
Charles Lipscomb		
Donald Lynch	served 9/11/83	Emmaus Baptist
Charles B. McRae		Love Memorial
Ollie Minchew	1950	Brookside Bapt. Ch.
William Moore	July 12, 1974	Love Memorial
Robert F. Owen	June 13, 1973	Love Memorial
Emulon B. Parker	Feb. 12, 1950	Blvd, Bapt., Va.
Robert Peedin	served 1974	Love Memorial
N. B. Perkins	July 12, 1974	Love Memorial
Abner Frank Peterson	Oct. 8, 1972	Love Memorial
R. C. Poarch	served 1983	
Charles Powell	Oct. 8, 1972	Love Memorial
Dan Robinson	served 1977	
David Russell	Aug. 2, 1970	Engelhard Bapt. Ch.
King David Smith	Dec. 16, 1984	Love Memorial
Willard Spell	1964	Love Memorial
Dale Stanley	June 13, 1973	Love Memorial
Wayne Sullivan	1977	Love Memorial
Ortho Tew	Feb. 26, 1967	Love Memorial
Linwood Earle Thompson	Nov. 8, 1978	Love Memorial
Michael Tygart	Oct. 18, 1981	Love Memorial
Paul Williams	Feb. 26, 1967	Love Memorial
George W. D. Wilson	Apr. 4, 1965	Avondale Bapt. Ch. Macon, Georgia

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1963	Willard Spell
1968-69	Doug Stacks
1969-70	Eugene Smith
1970-71	Eugene Smith
1971-72	Lonnie Parker
1972-73	Lonnie Parker
1973-74	Bill Knapp
1974-75	Bill Knapp
1975-76	Reynold Jernigan
1976-77	Doris Jernigan
1877-78	Doris Jernigan
1978-79	Phyllis Moore
1979-80	Jean Cox
1980-81	Wallace Horton
1981-82	Wallace Horton
1982-83	Donald Lynch
1983-84	Wallace Horton
1984-85	Wallace Horton
1985-86	Pete Smith
1986-87	Pete Smith
1987-88	Ron Craig

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS

1974-75	Delmar Weaver
1975-76	Bill Moore
1976-77	Bill Moore
1977-78	Gerald Batts
1978-79	Lonnie Parker
1979-80	Charlie McRae
1980-81	Bill Cox
1981-82	no one
1982-83	David Russell
1983-84	no one
1984-85	no one
1985-86	Bill Cowley
1986-87	no one
1987-88	no one

TREASURERS

1963-78	Ruth Howell
1978-80	Reynold Jernigan
1980-81	Lloyd Purvis
1981-84	Ruth Howell and Sarah Lynch
1984-86	Bill Moore
1986-86	Dawn Rollins
1987-87	Pat McRae
1987-87	Brenda Abernathy
1987-88	Betty Carole Jackson
1988-	Russell Ault

CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS

1963	Henry Henson
1968-69	Wiley Lewis
1969-70	Nona Stacks
1970-71	Nona Stacks
1971-72	Larry Gibbs
1972-73	Robert Peedin
1973-74	Peggy Capps
1974-75	Frank Peterson
1975-76	Charles Fortner
1976-77	James Medlin
1977-78	James Medlin
1978-79	Jean Carson
1979-80	George Wilson
1980-81	no one
1981-82	Bill Forsythe
1982-83	Bill Forsythe
1983-84	Tim Coppick
1984-85	Tim Coppick
1985-86	Stephen Sumner
1986-87	Stephen Sumner
1987-88	no one

MUSIC DIRECTORS

1968	Travis Bray
1969-70	Joeann Ault
1970-77	Joeann Ault
1977-78	Dorothy Bowers
1978-79	Dorothy Bowers
1979-86	Joeann Ault
1986-87	Danny Williams
1988-	Michelle Chappel

WMU DIRECTORS

1963	Ann Spell
1970-77	Joeann Ault
1977-78	Betty Jackson
1978-86	Rachel Rawls
1986-88	Lois Peterson

LICENSED TO PREACH BY LOVE MEMORIAL

Gregory Page	November 2, 1980
John Michael Carson	April 15, 1981
Calvin lee Peedin	May 24, 1981
Roger Carlson	1983

ORDAINED TO PREACH BY LOVE MEMORIAL

Stephen Burrow	May 29, 1983
Robin Chapman	February 15, 1987

DEATHS IN THE HISTORY OF LOVE MEMORIAL

Mrs. Levada Bell	August 12, 1973
Barry Morris	1976
Mrs. Lib Beard	March 21, 1976
Mrs. Rose Blackwell	April 6, 1977
Mr. Julian Barbour	March 1977
Mr. Sam L. Thomas	April 1978
Mr. Lenwood Mullen	December 1978
Mrs. Ella Jane Walton	April 11, 1980
Mrs. Ann Mullen	December 30, 1981
Mr. Johnny Beard	June 9, 1982
Mrs. Kate Campbell	June 25, 1982
Mrs. Justyne B. Hinson	August 25, 1982
Rev. John W. White, Sr.	June 25, 1984
Mrs. Mildred Jones	November 1, 1984
Mr. Kenneth Deaver	December 12, 1984
Miss Andrea Wingate	February 13, 1985
Mr. Henry Henson	March 31, 1987
Mr. Joseph Summerlin	June 24, 1987
Mr. Ralph Creech	July 3, 1987
Mr. Chester Wayne Sullivan	November 1987
Mr. Buddy Rutledge	July 4, 1988

YOUTH COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

YOUTH CORP SUMMER WORKERS

1972	Reynold Jernigan
1975	Phyllis Moore
1976	Marilyn Fortner
1977	Calvin lee Peedin
1978	Calvin lee Peedin
1979	Calvin lee Peedin
1980	Ron Van Dyke
1981	Jill Fortner
1982	Glenda Moore
1983	Carol Carson
1984	Ann McRae
1985	Stanley White
1986	Stanley White

1974	Steven Crouse
1975	Roger Pearman
1976	Bob Swan
1977	Eddie Allen
1978	David Johnson
1979	Rick Allison
1980	Tim Short
1981	Stephen Burrow
1982	Malene Middleton
1983	No one
1984	Patricia Nix
1985	Mike Evans
1986	and 1987 No one
1988	Jimmy Leonard

LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH BUDGETS

1964.....	\$ 7,500.00
1965.....	9,135.50
1966.....	11,135.50
1967.....	14,325.00
1968.....	15,798.75
1969.....	13,930.00
1970.....	21,120.00
1971.....	15,782.00
1972.....	17,330.00
1973.....	21,755.78
1974.....	36,711.12
1975.....	38,583.13
1976.....	40,836.95
1977.....	44,951.56
1978.....	48,312.85
1979.....	51,673.69
1980.....	60,438.95
1981.....	64,051.00
1982.....	71,140.31
1983.....	78,913.29
1984.....	81,963.06
1985.....	85,333.87
1986.....	97,112.68
1987.....	107,483.28
1988.....	104,720.00

The first officers were elected at Love Memorial December 18, 1963 which were: Mrs. Wayne Phipps (as church clerk, and the Executive Committee which were Joseph Cecil McLawhorn, Henry Henson, J. Ollie Minchew, and the two recommended by Madison Avenue Baptist Church which were Deward Heath and R. S. Atkins. The first function of the Executive Committee was to work on the 1964 Budget.

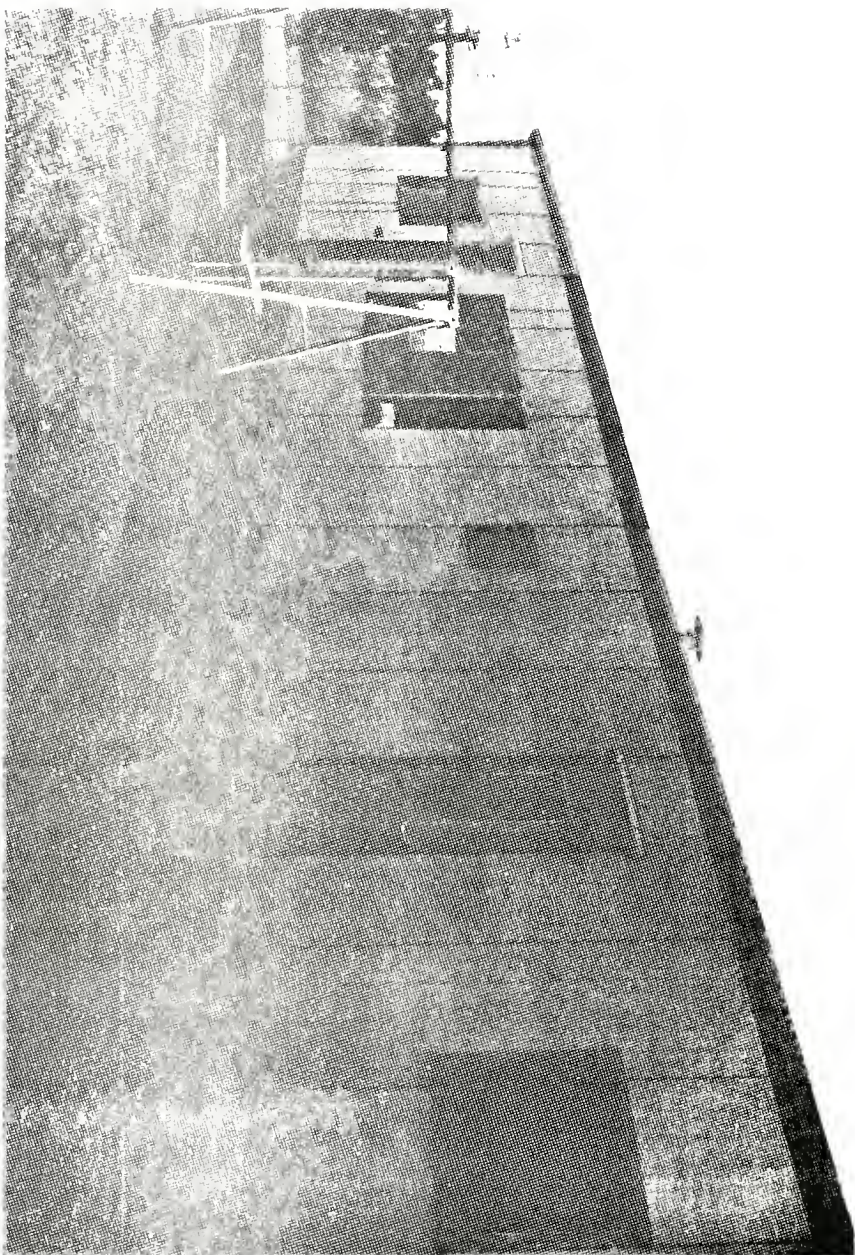
*From a Mission to a
Church 1963*



LOVE MEMORIAL MISSION
NOVEMBER 3, 1963



ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS
GARAGE ADDED 1964



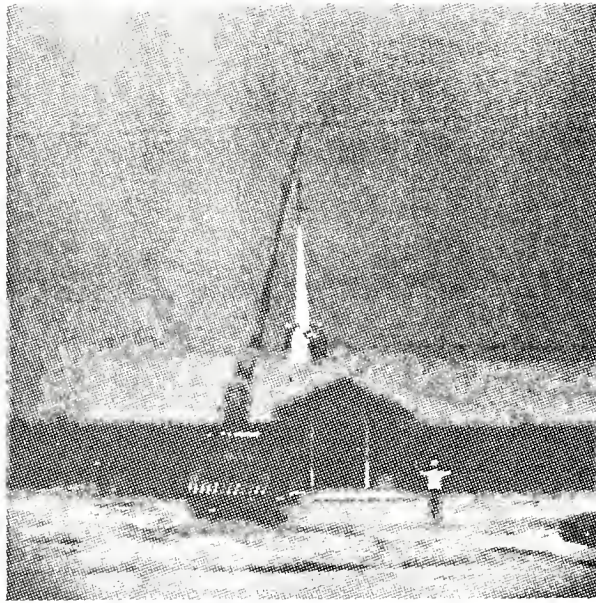
MARCH 20, 1969
PURCHASED TRAILER \$1,500.00
FOR ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS



LOVE MEMORIAL MISSION 1970
SITE FOR PRESENT SANCTUARY



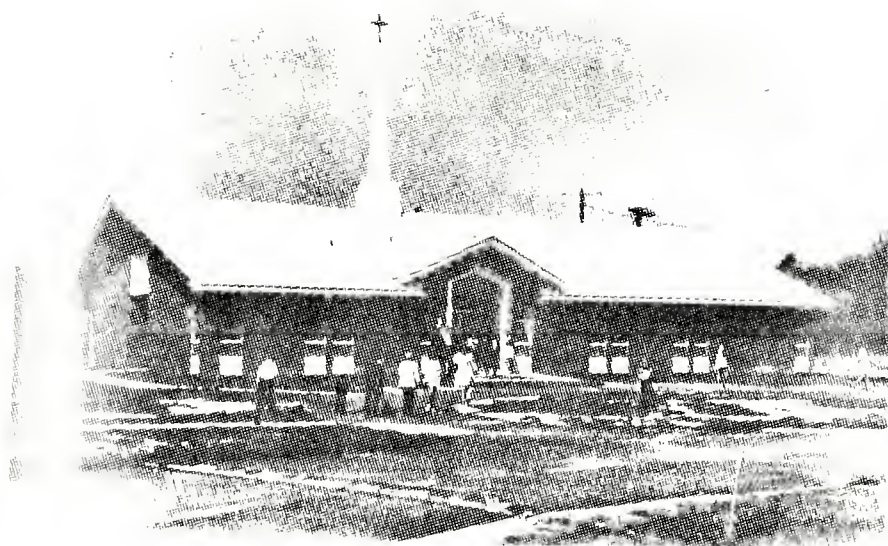
LOVE MEMORIAL BEING BUILT
JULY 1972 (BEFORE STEEPLE)



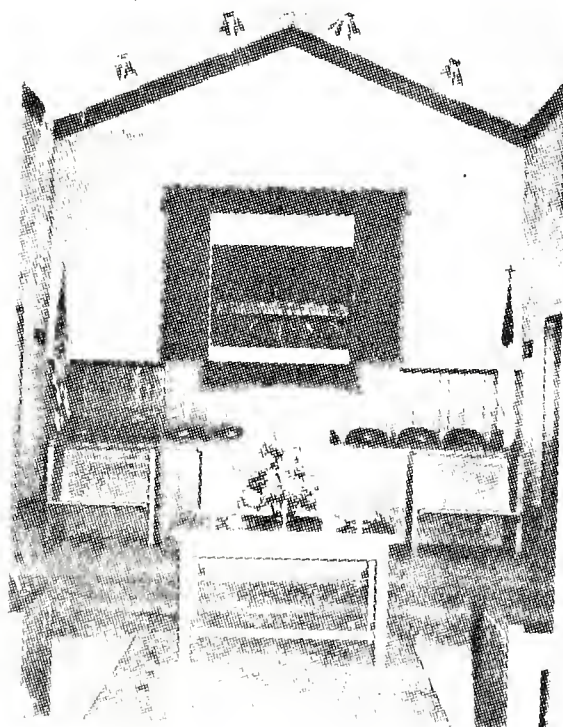
PLACING THE STEEPLE ON
LOVE MEMORIAL 1972



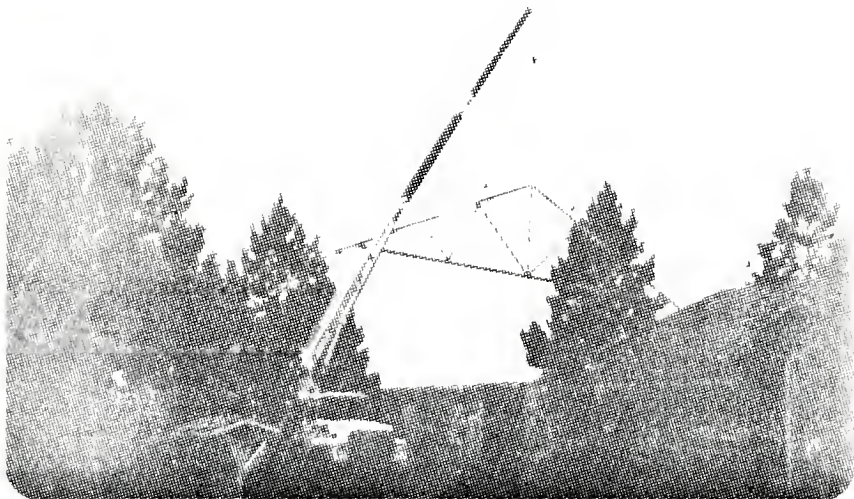
LOVE MEMORIAL BEFORE THE
DRIVEWAYS 1972



FIRST SERVICE, AUGUST 20, 1972
DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1972



INTERIOR OF SANCTUARY - 1972
LOVE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH



BUILDING THE WING
JUNE 1984



JOHN W. WHITE WING
DEDICATED JANUARY 20, 1985

First Service November 3, 1963



Ruth Howell, Treasurer

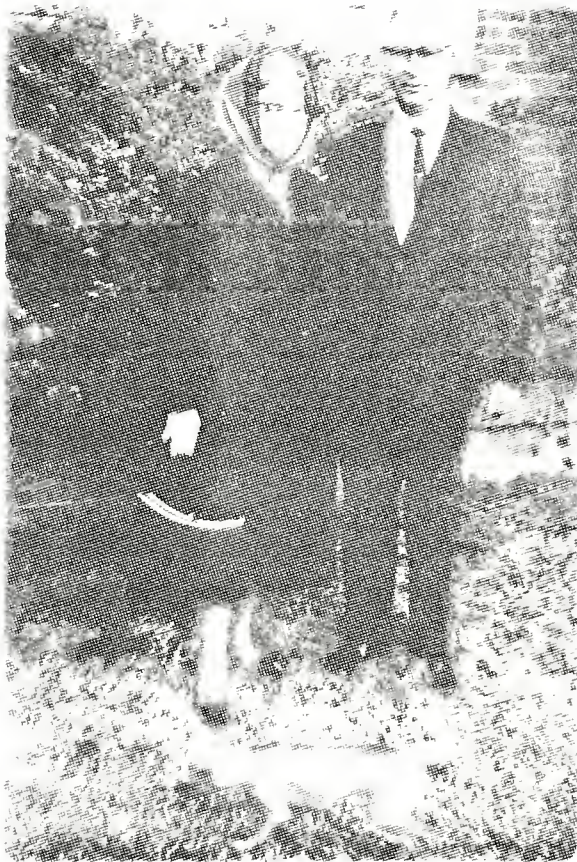
NOVEMBER 3, 1963
Ollie and Rose Minchew and Ruth
Howell were three of the ones
who were at the first service
of Love Memorial Baptist Church



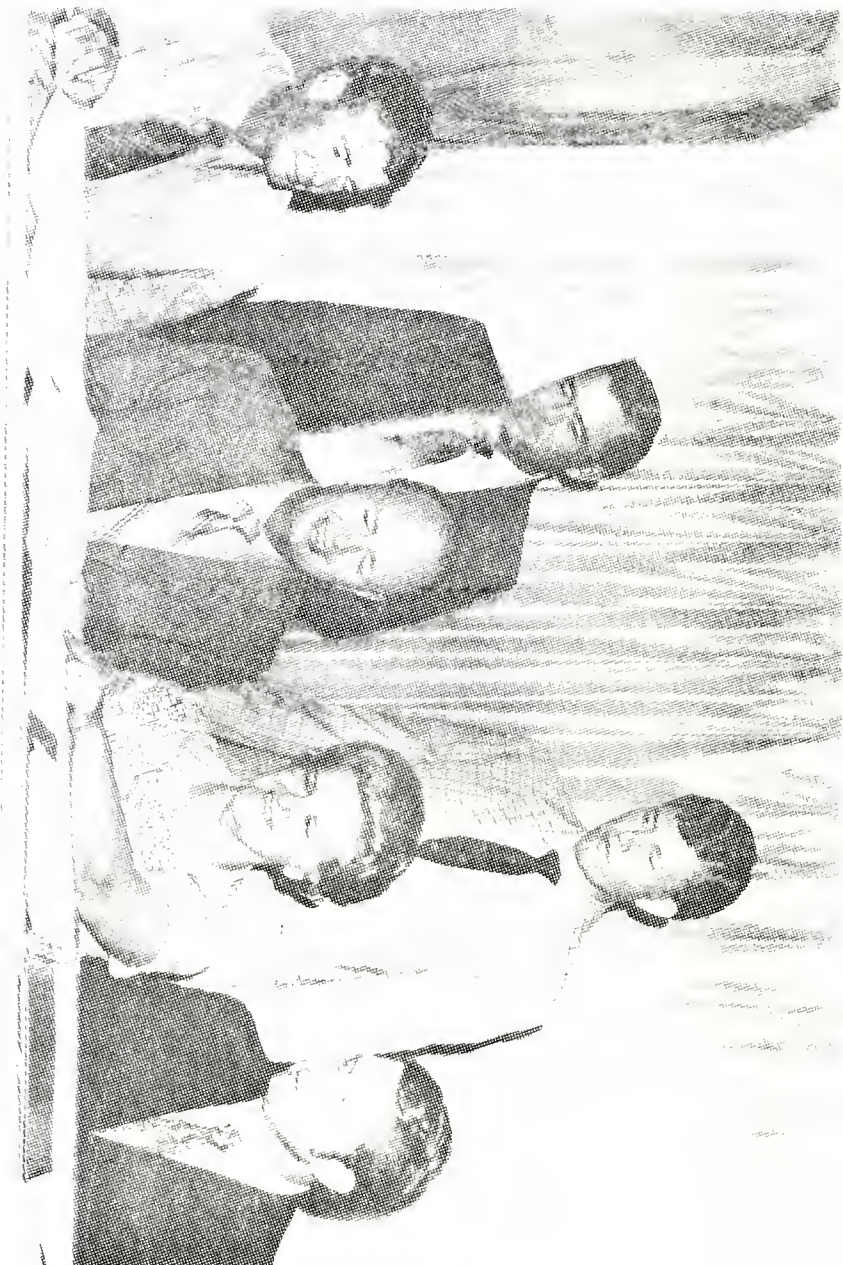
Ollie and Rose Minchew



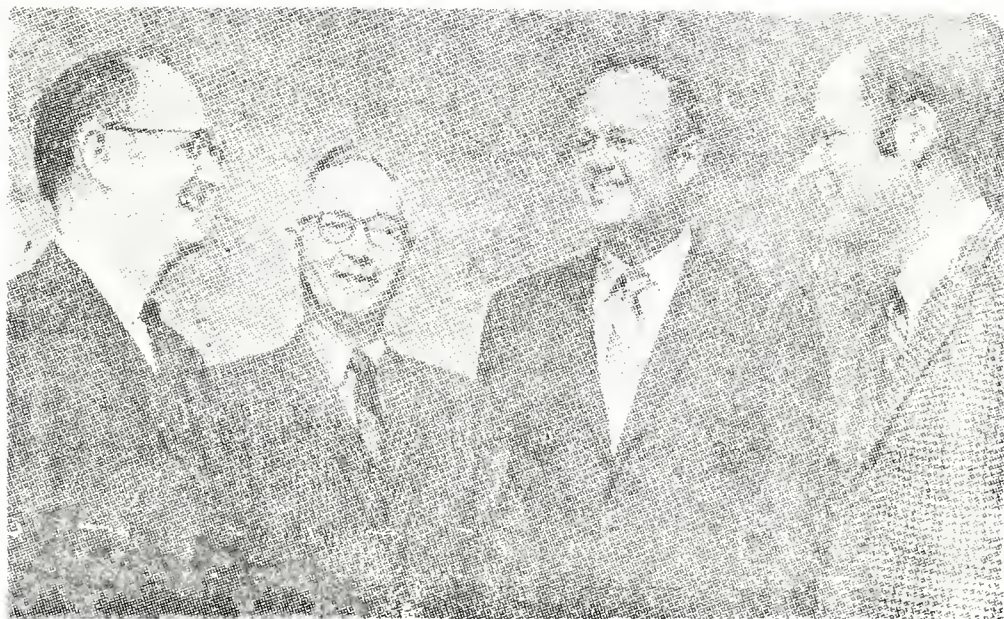
MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Charles McRae, Doug Stacks, Colon Brown, Delma Jackson,
Curtis Jackson



Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Parker
He served as Interim Pastor
in 1968



The "TOGETHER WE BUILD" plan discussed to raise money to build a sanctuary. Charles McRae, Rev. Bowers, Ruth Howell, Durwood Johnson, Joe Cannady, and Reynold Jernigan



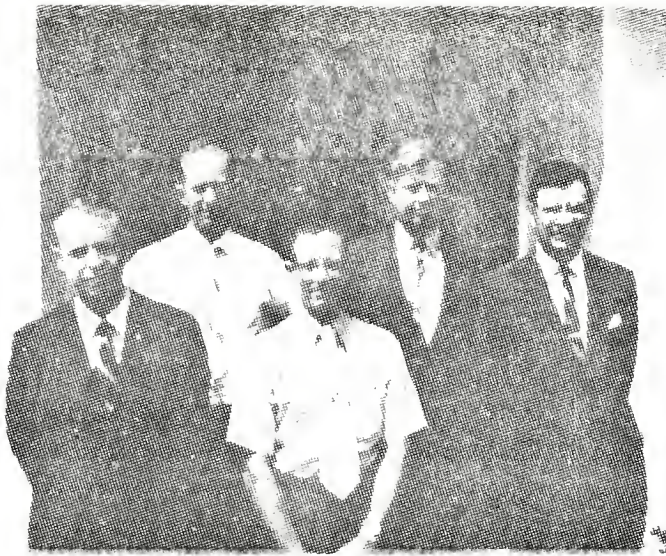
FROM A MISSION TO A CHURCH — Baptist church officials met recently and completed plans for Love Memorial Baptist Mission to be formerly constituted into a church. Shown left to right are: Rev. Eugene Hager, Supt. of Missions of the Neuse Baptist Association;

Rev. Emulon Parker, former interim pastor and member of Love Memorial; Rev. Frank Rowers, pastor of Love Memorial and Rev. Earl Parthing, pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church which sponsored Love Memorial Mission. (Staff Photo)



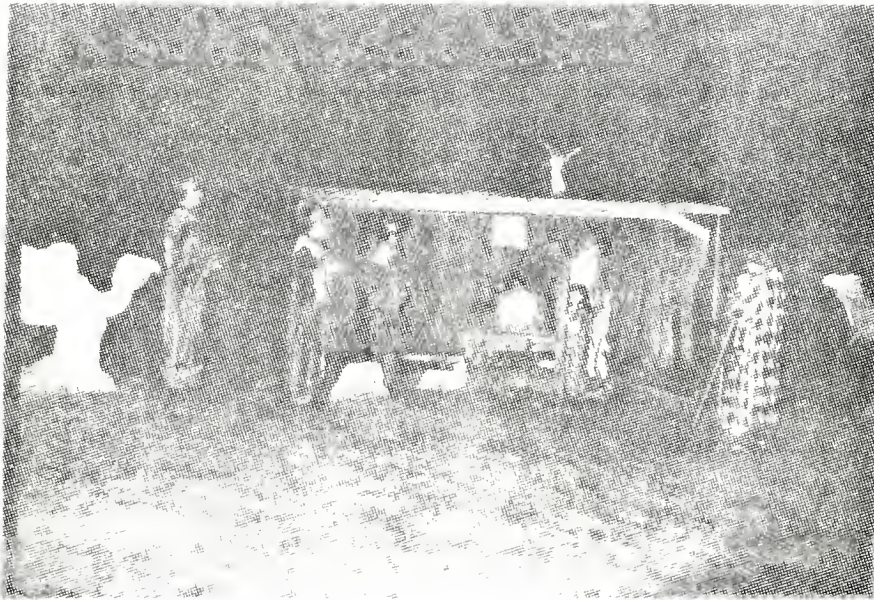
DIACONATE - DEC. 1970

Doris Jernigan, Ruth Howell
Lonnie Parker, Russell Ault
and Robert Peedin



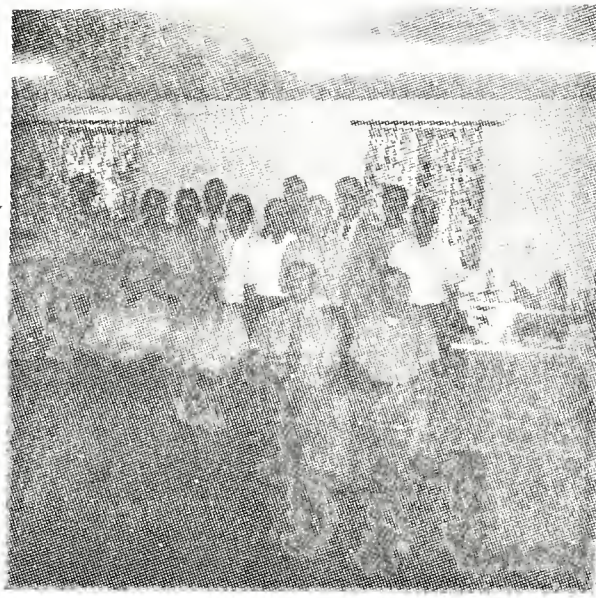
USHERS AT LOVE MEMORIAL

Charles Powell, Ray Ferree,
Robert Peedin, Charles
Fortner and Russell Ault



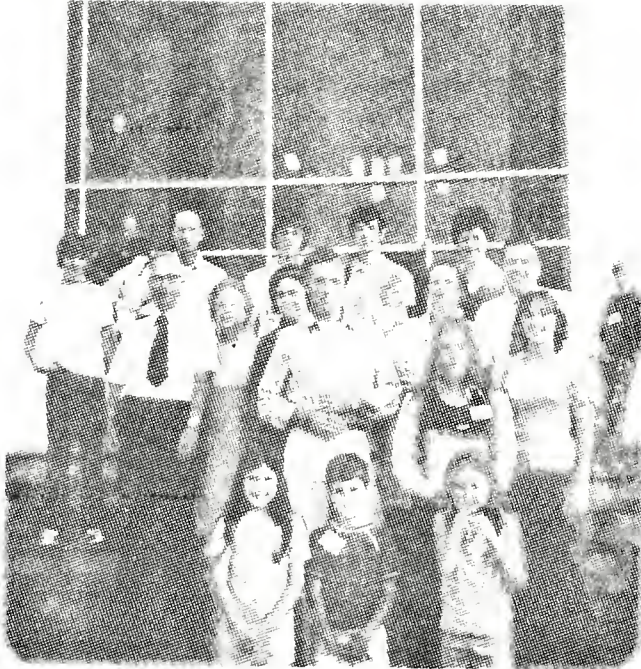
Live Nativity Scene (1972)

Tommy Bowers, Phyllis Moore, Rusty Ault,
Marilyn Fortner, Reynold Jernigan,
Reynold Jernigan, Leslie Peedin, Billy
Effler.



MEN'S DAY!

Curtis Jackson, Charles McRae
Ray Pate, Delma Jackson, Cecil
McLawhorn, Bob Owen, Gary Bevell,
Rev. Bowers, Werner Effler, Russ
Ault, Bill Cox, Bill Moore, Bill
Knapp, and Johnny Beard



Group from Love Memorial
go to Ridgecrest. Among them
Jill and Glenn Fortner, Mr.
& Mrs. Lonnie Parker, Bill
& Ethel Knapp and children,
Charlie & Kay Fortner and
children, Frank and Lois
Peterson and children

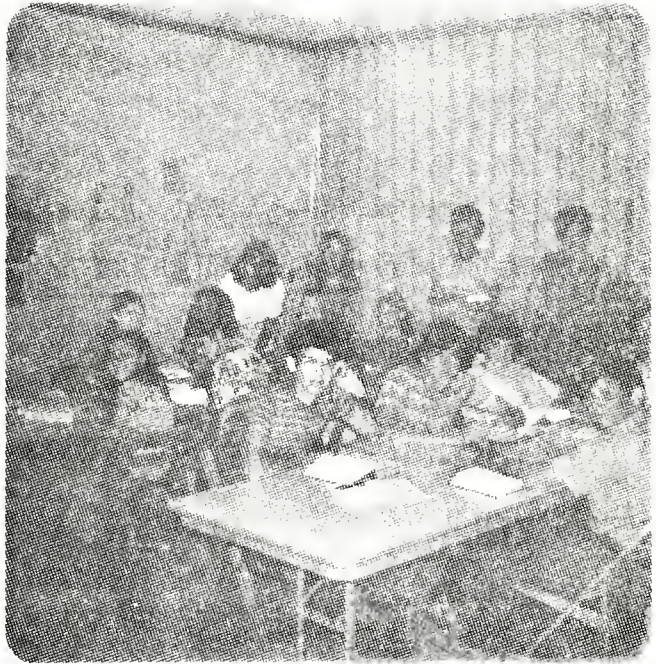


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 1973
 TEACHERS: ERLINE BRYAN
 BIDDIE STANLEY



LOIS PETERSON'S STORK SHOWER

V.
M.
S.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 1973

TEACHERS: RACHEL RAWLS

EMMA OWEN

JOEANN AULT

Students: Billy Peterson

Calvin Peedin, Eddie Knapp,

Craig Knapp, Loriece Jernigan,

Kim Peterson, Jeannie Bowers.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Tommy Bowers, Billy Effler,

Reynold Jernigan, Andy Rawls (1972)

V. B. S.



Vacation Bible School
Teachers: Pat McRae
Shirley Blackman



Vacation Bible School
Teacher: Frances Jones

V.
B.
S.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TEACHERS: Becky Bevell
Lynette Jackson
Glenda Moore, Jill Fortner,
Renee McRae, Rhonda Cox
and others

V.
B.
S.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
TEACHERS: Edna Moore
4-5 Yr. Gladys Hull
Mrs. Nora McDaniel
Carol Edwards

Homecoming!



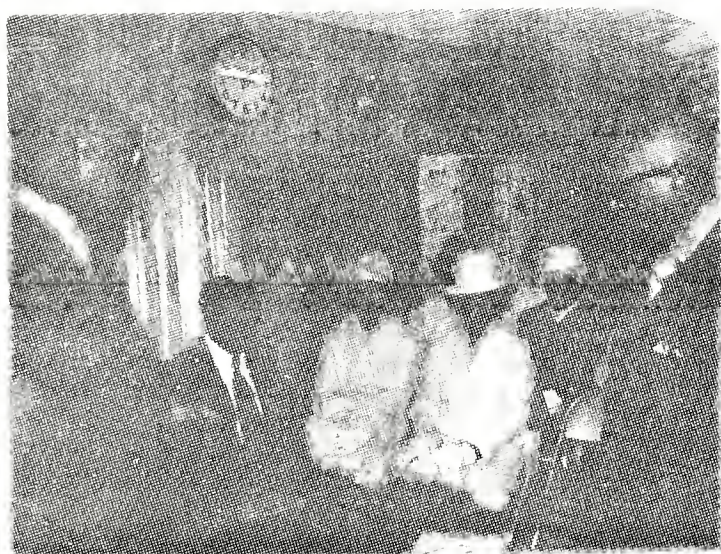
Mr. Lonnie Parker, Mrs. Edna
Hood and Hazel Peedin at
Homecoming in the Park



Homecoming - Mr. Bob Atkins
in center of picture



Eddie Allen
Youth Summer Worker



FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST
MEETING IN THE TRAILER
AFTER THEIR CHURCH BURNED
REV. ISAAC HORTON, PASTOR



GA RECOGNITION

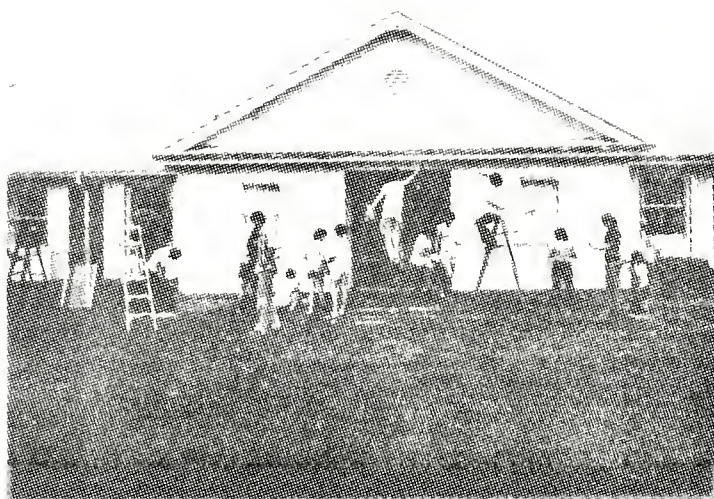
Jeannie Bowers, Sally Rawls,
Marilyn Fortner, Loreice
Jernigan



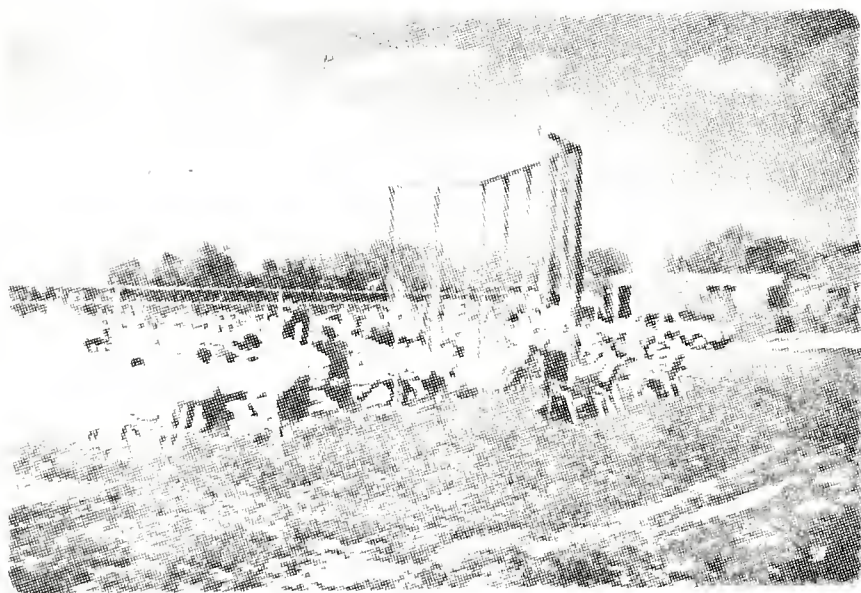
RA BOYS IN 1974

Chris Carson, Billy Peterson,
Chris Moore, Eddie Knapp,
and Carroll Williams

*Work
Day!*

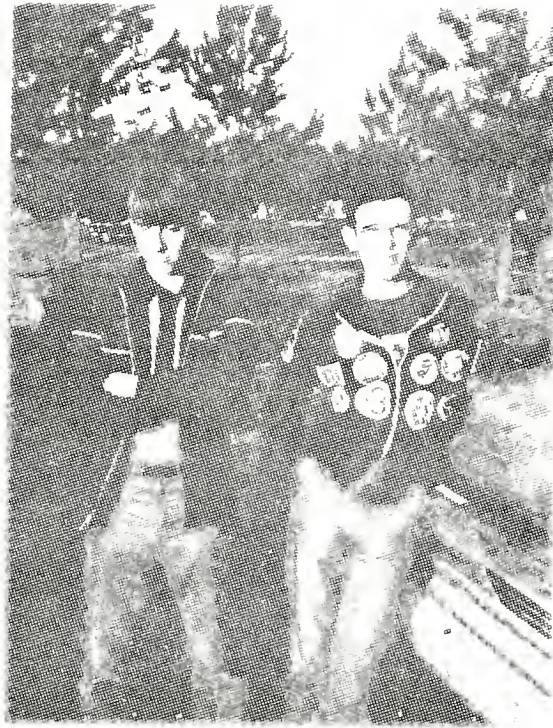


WORK DAY AT LOVE MEMORIAL!
1977



*Play
Ball!*

Ballgame in the Park



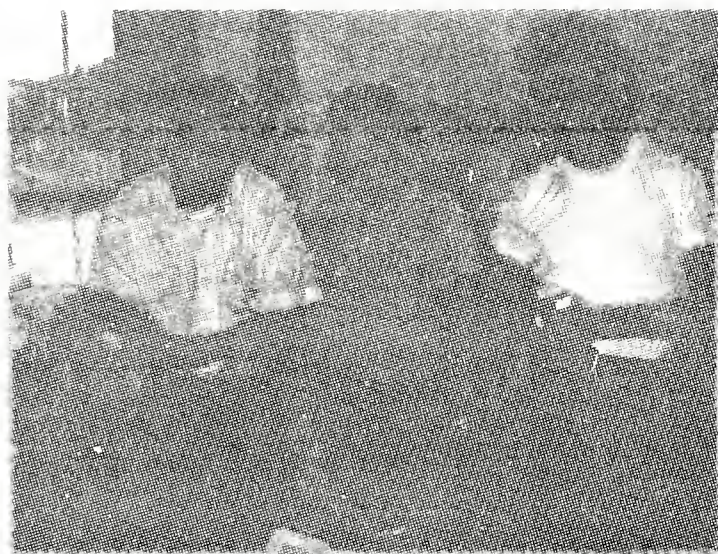
Thomas Claypool and
Billy Peterson (1977)



ROSE MINCHEW ON DUTY ON
4th OF JULY EVENTS AT PARK (1977)



*Dot Bowers, Jean Carson,
Joanne Munnerlyn, Billy Peterson*



FRANK PETERSON, CHARLES
POWELL, LONNIE PARKER,
BILL KNAPP



REV. AND MRS. BOWERS

Rev. And Mrs. Bowers Mark 25th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Bowers were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary June 3 at a reception at Love Memorial Baptist Church given by members of the congregation.

The couple received a corsage and boutonniere and corsages were given to their daughter, Jeannie Bowers, Mrs. A. W. Thomas, mother of Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Indie Bowers, mother of Rev. Bowers.

The guest book was attended by Miss Dana Cyrus and music was provided by Mrs. Nancy Bogue. The cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Edna Moore.

Those serving were Mrs. Jean Cox, Mrs. Janet Bryan, Mrs. Juliette Cannon, Mrs. Joeanne Ault, Mrs. Edna Moore, Mrs. Jean Carson, Mrs. Eunice Ferree, Mrs. Doris Jernigan, Mrs. Hettie Gales, Mrs. Rose Cole, Mrs. Meiba Batts and

Mrs. Betty Jackson.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas, Mrs. Indie Bowers, Mrs. Julian Parks and family and Mrs. Leona Thomas.

The couple received an engraved silver beverage pitcher from members of the congregation.

The Hospitality Committee was in charge of arrangements.

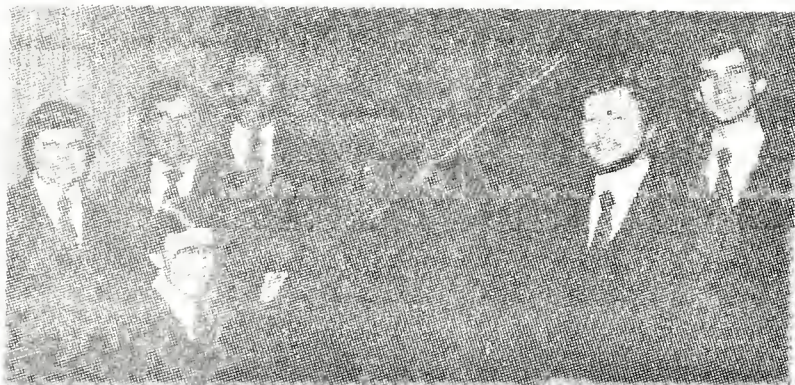


DEACON'S RETREAT

Ollie Minchew, Rose Minchew, N. B. Perkins, 2nd row Jean Cox, Edna Moore, Louise Page, Joeann Ault, Joyce Thompson, 3rd row Bill Cox, Bill Moore, Rev. Page, Russell Ault, and Linwood Thompson.

Friday, Jan. 13, 1984

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Watchmen at Love

The Watchmen will be in concert at Love Memorial Baptist Church Sunday at 7 p.m.

Children's
Sunday School
Class
1972





WEDDING AT LOVE MEMORIAL - MAY 1984
RACHEL AND COY POOLE, AND TAMMY TART



ATTENDANCE FOR GROUND BREAKING
(1984)



LET'S BE CLOWNS! 1985
GAIL COWLEY, MIKE EVANS
AND JUDY SUMNER



REPLACING THE WATERLINE
BILL MOORE, June 1981



5th SUNDAY NIGHT SING
THE CARSONS
 Chris, Jean, Carol, Jimmy



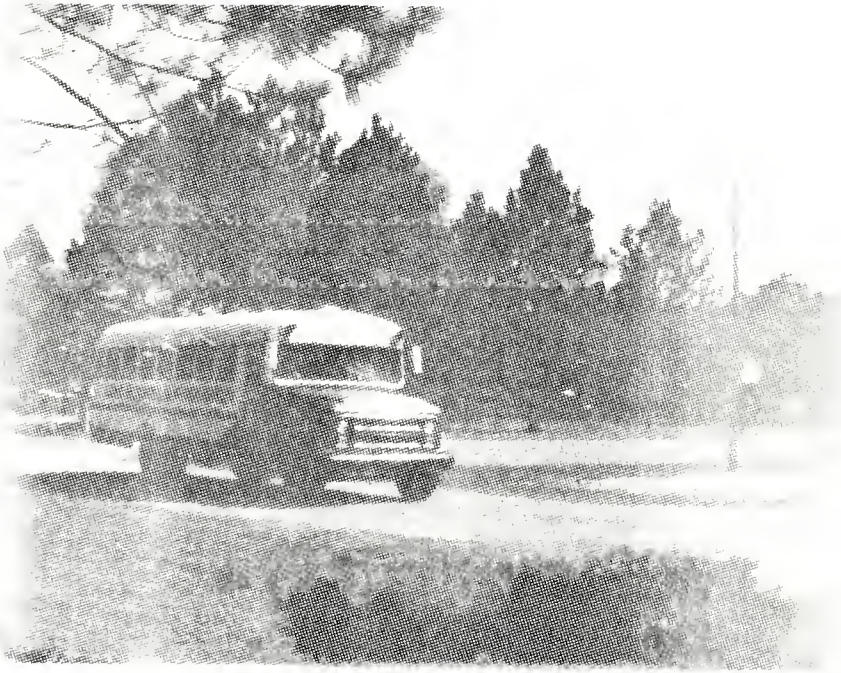
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1983
 TEACHER: MATTIE DIXON



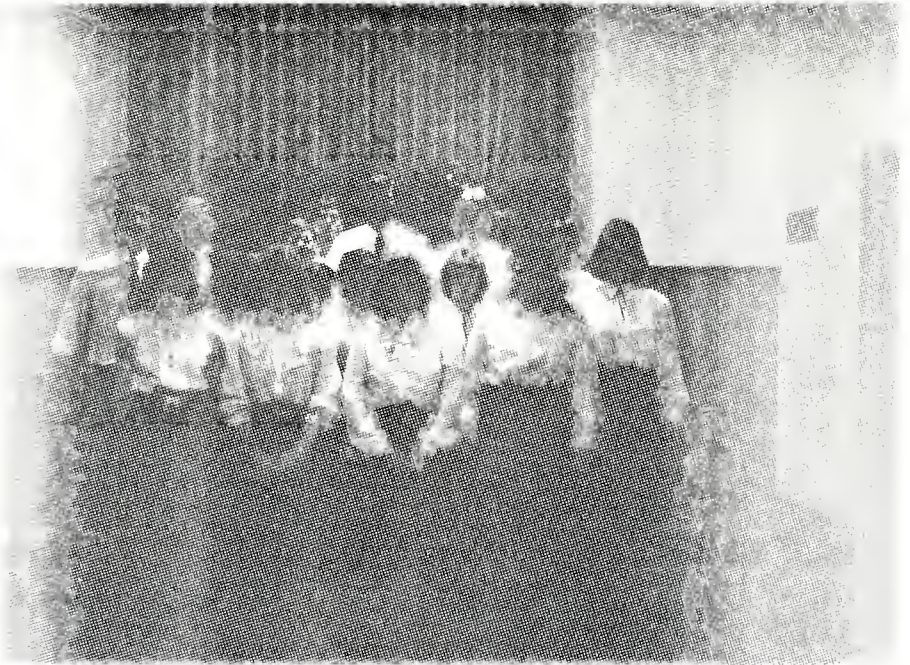
BLUE BUS -(1953) BEFORE
RETIREMENT - in 1980



1968 BUS GIVEN BY FAMILY TO LOVE
MEMORIAL - GLENDA MOORE DROVE THE
BUS FROM THE SCHOOL BUS SHOP TO CHURCH.
(1982)



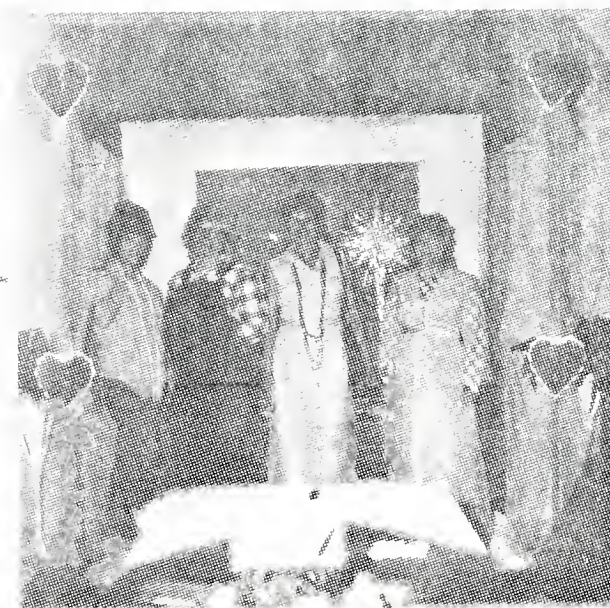
BUS PAINTED AND LETTERED
RED, WHITE AND BLUE IN 1982



1987 CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Christy Tucker, Jenny Asbell, Marsha
Mills, Stephanie Lutz (2) Leigh McRae
Scott Russell, Tosha Biggins, Stephany
Sumner, Sheila Stanley, (3) David Bill,
Brian Smith, Jimmy Russell, Todd Bill,
Larry Bill (Director), Kevin Thornton,
and Michael Smith.



WILLING WORKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
 BOBLY VALENTINE BANQUET - 1975
 Jeann Ault, Edna Moore, Bertie
 King, Dixie Parker, Jean Carson,
 Pat Cyrus (2) Dot Bowers, Eunice
 Ferree, Merle Effler, Lib Beard,
 and Ida Claypool.



ENTERTAINMENT!!! FASHION SHOW
 1977 - Jean Carson, Emma Owen,
 Eunice Ferree, Pat Cyrus



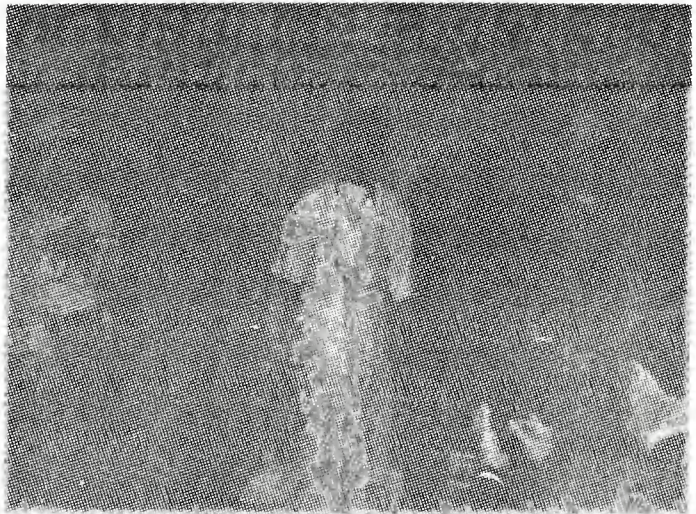
"5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SING" - 1983
 Fred Claypool and Rev. White
 playing banjo and guitar, how
 they made music years ago



"5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SING"
 SEXTET: Joyce Thompson, Jean
 Carson, Ramona Horton, Delma
 Jackson, George Wilson, R. C. Poarch



YOUTH VALENTINE BANQUET (1975)
 Mike Cox -- crowned King
 Karen Owen -- crowned Queen



VALENTINE BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT!
 Linwood Thompson, Ralph Creech,
 George Wilson, David Johnson, and
 Charlie Fortner (WOMANLESS FASHIONS)



VALENTINE BANQUET - 1981
Pearson crowned King
Linda Moore crowned Queen



YOUTH GO TO THE BEACH IN 1985

Meredith White, Ann McRae,
 Melonie Batts, Pam Rollins,
 Thompson, Christy
 Tucker, Gail Cowley (2) Chris
 Cowley, Glenn Fortner, Stan
 White and Mike Evans (YSW)



"SINGING IN THE PARK" 1997
 Bill White and Glenda



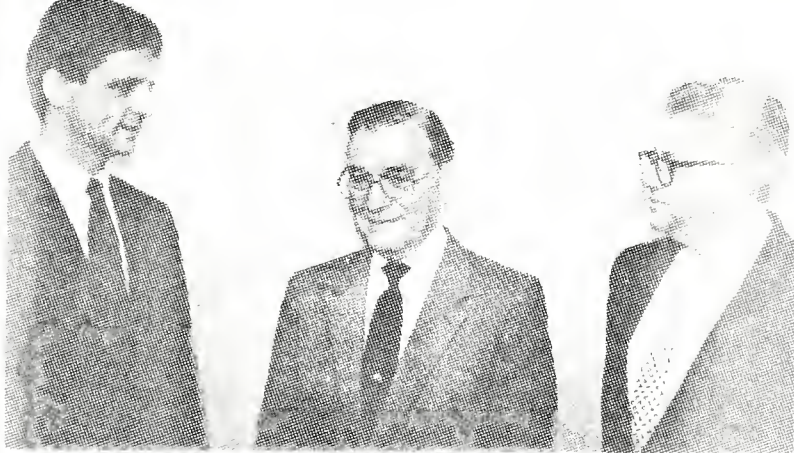
YOUTH SERVICE WITH THEIR LEADERS
 W. J. WMU DIRECTOR; LOIS PETERSON,
 THOMPSON AND MARY COMPTON. 1984



YOUTH CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS

1987

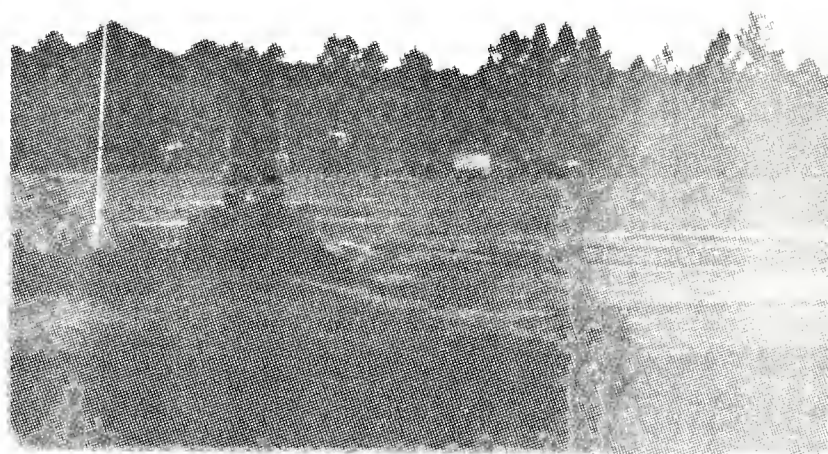
Dana Horton, director
 Sumner, Becky Thompson,
 Thompson, Dana and Timmy
 and others



Baptist officers

New officers of the Neuse Baptist Association Ministers Conference are, from left: Julian P. Mills Sr., pastor of Love Memorial Baptist Church, president; M.O. Sears, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pikeville, vice president; and Kevin Wilson, minister of education and youth at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church of Kinston, secretary-treasurer. (Staff photo by Sabrina Strickland)

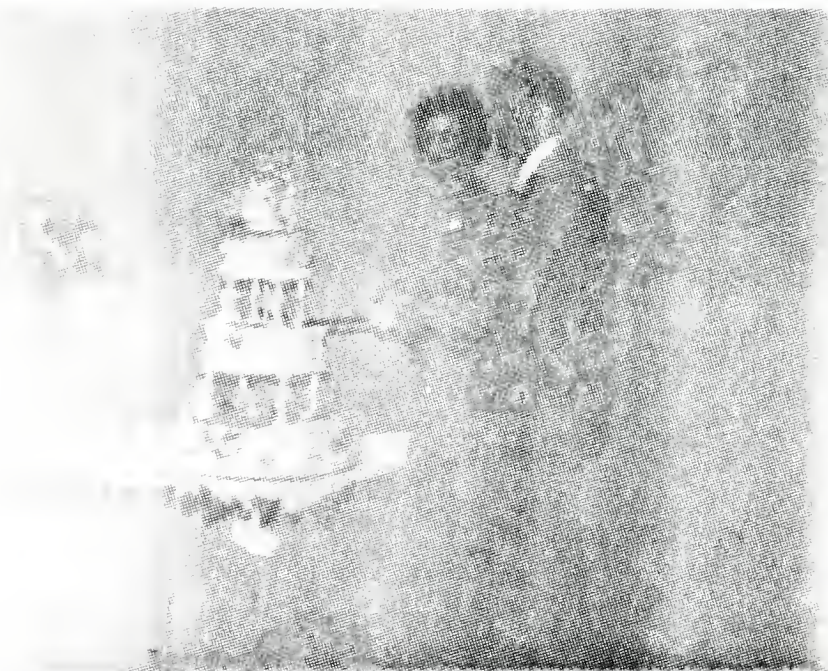
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BUILDING THE PARKING LOT
AT FELLOWSHIP HALL ENTRANCE (1987)



REV. JOHN WHITE IN STUDY
AT WORK 1954



25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
REV. AND MRS. FRANK BOWERS



MARSHA MILLS BEING CROWNED QUEEN
BY HER MOTHER, MARY MILLS, 1985



REV. JULIAN MILLS, HIS
WIFE MARY, MARSHA AND
JONOTHAN 1987

Music At Love
Plays An Important
Part In Worship



Jocann Leads



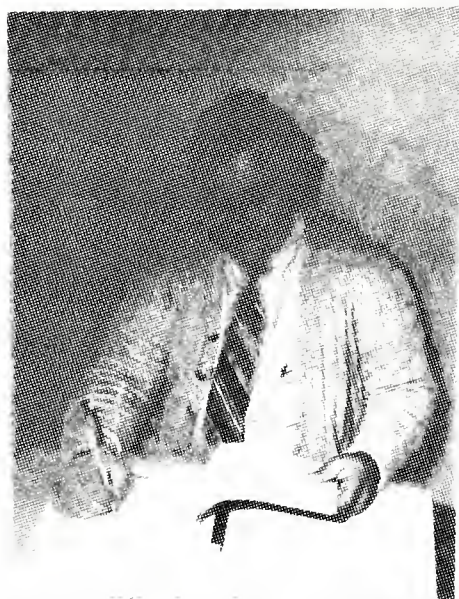
Laura and Larry Plan Youth
Music



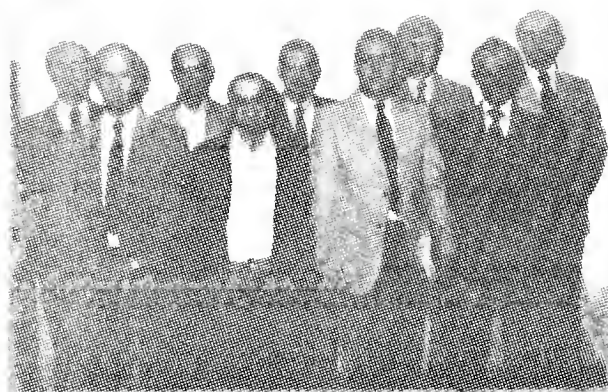
Children's Choir



Sunday School Director Pete Smith
Puts Figures of Love on Board



Church Training is Love,
Says Director Steve Sumner



Deacons of Love



Church Secretary Edna Moore
Makes Copies of Love's Letter



Rev. Mills, and Deacon Norman Abernethy
(Secretary) and Wallace Horton, Chairman
of Deacons (1988)



Dot Bowers, Joeann Ault,
Pat Chapman, Bob Swan (Youth Summer
Worker) Working on Musical Drama!



HIGH SCHOOL-COLLEGE GRADUATES 1988
 Tina Irvin, Marsha Mills,
 Craig Mills and Jimmy Russell
 Cindy Russell in center was
 a Wayne Community College
 graduate



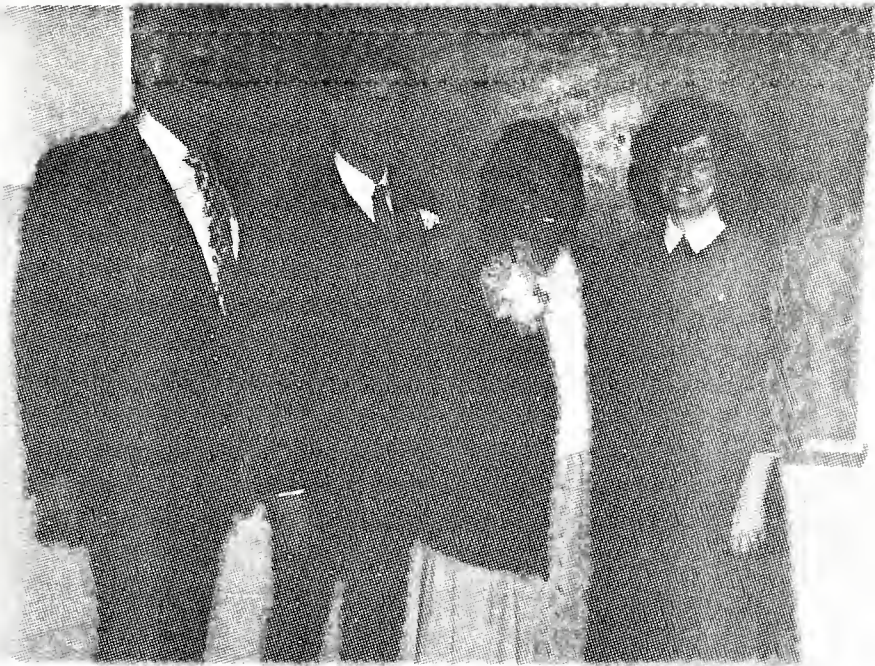
JOEYEN RECOGNITION SERVICE

Bl-dsoe, Lisa Carson
 Carol Carson, Kim Peterson,
 Cherry Munnerlyn, Marilyn
 Portner, Sally Rawls, Jeannie
 Powers, Karen Owen, and Loreice



FAREWELL TO ROBIN AND EDITH
CHAPMAN

Rev. Mills, Robin & Edith Chap-
man, Mary Mills



Rev. Bobbie Belcher, Robin
and Edith Chapman, Jean Kirk

Raymond A. Bryan

Dies At Age 82

Raymond Arthur Bryan, one of North Carolina's most distinguished business leaders, died at Wayne Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning after a long illness. 11/3/82

He was 82.

Funeral services will be held at 5 p. m. Thursday from First Baptist Church with Dr. Leon Smith officiating. Burial will be in Willowdale Cemetery.

Bryan, chairman of the Board of T.A. Loving Co., was recipient of the North Carolina Citizens Association's Distinguished Citizen Award in 1975.

He had been involved in construction and ownership of numerous enterprises including Cameron Village Shopping Center, Raleigh,



RAYMOND A. BRYAN

Cameron-Brown Co., North Hills, Inc., Aviation Fuel Terminals in Beaufort, and others.

Bryan had served as a director of Carolina Power & Light Co., Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Durham Life Insurance Co., and Carolina Motor Club.

He had been chairman of the N.C. Licensing Board for Contractors and vice chairman of the State Ports Authority under the Umstead-Hodges administrations.



Danny Williams with the Youth
1987



Youth with Danny Williams, Judy Sumner
and Gail Cowley 1987

Sunday School Directors



Willard Spell
1963

Bill Gay
1966

Doug Stacks
1968-1969

Sunday School Directors



Eugene Smith
(1969-71)



Lonnie Parker
(1971-1973)

Sunday School Directors



*Bill Knapp
(1973-1975)*



*Reynold Jernigan
(1975-1976)*

Sunday School Directors



Doris Ternigan
(1976 - 1978)



Phyllis Moore
(July 1978 - Sept. 1979)

Sunday School Directors



Jean Cox
(1979-80)



Wallace Horton
(1980-1982)
(1983-1985)

Sunday School Directors



Donald Lynch
(1982-1983)



Pete Smith
(1985-1987)

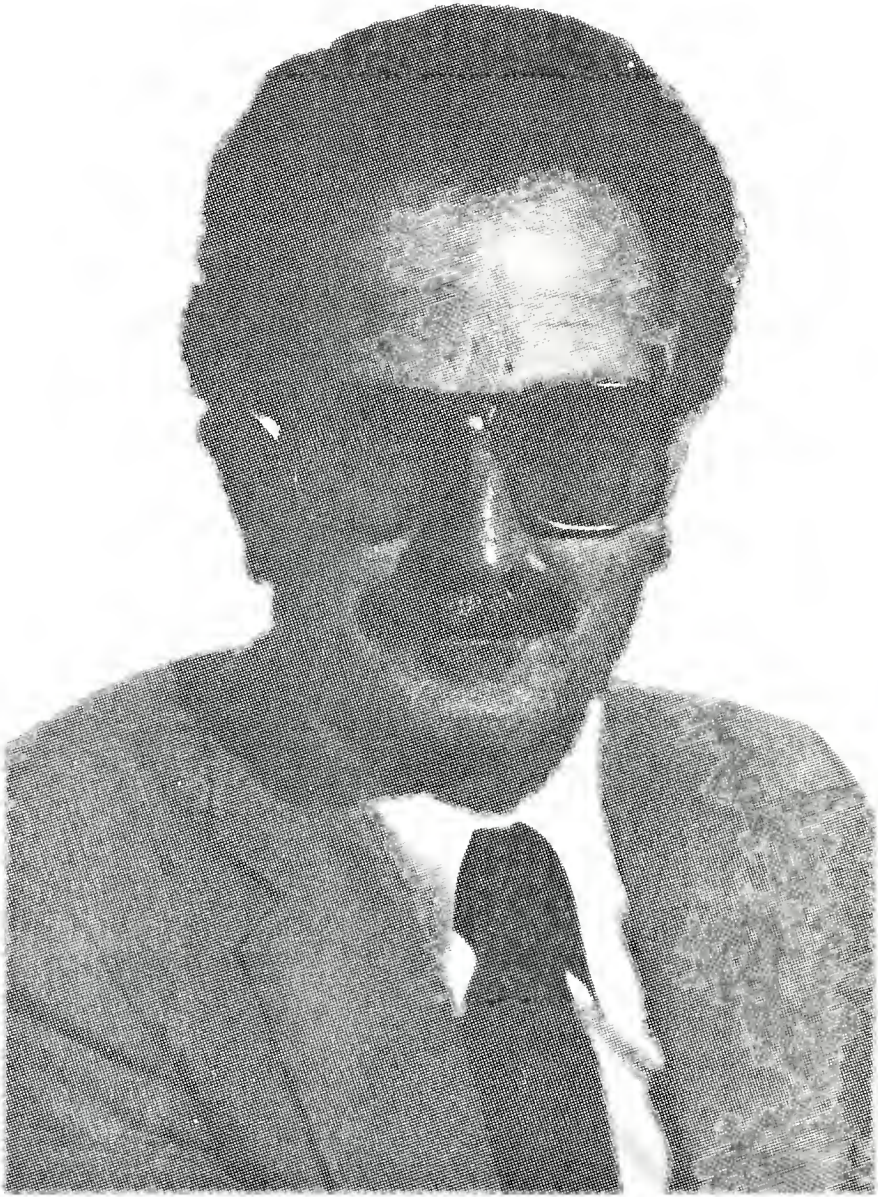
Sunday School Directors

Ron Craig
(1987-'88)
(1988-'89)

*Pastors
of
Love Memorial*



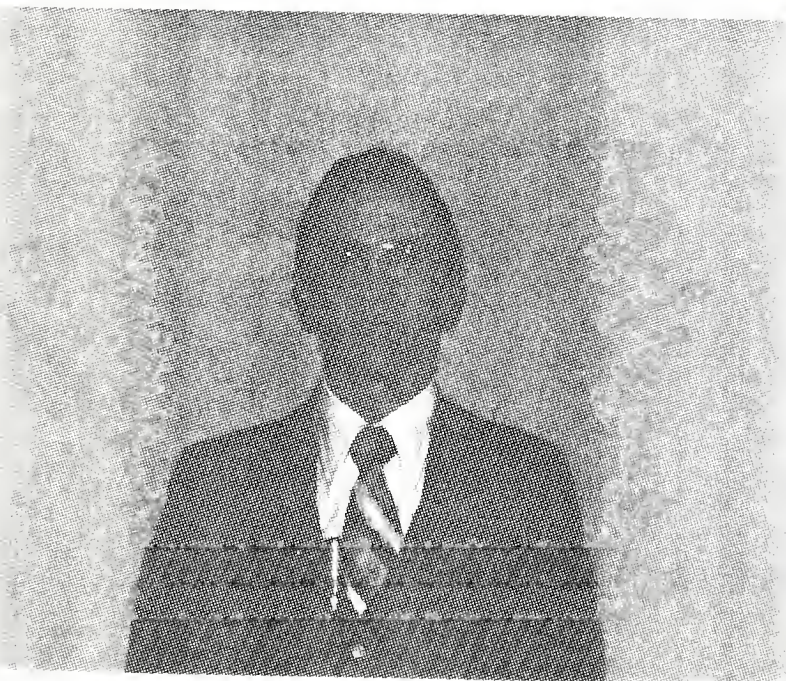
REV. RICHARD BASS (1964-1966)



REV. ROY HOOD (1967-1968)



REV. FRANK N. BOWERS (1968-1978)



REV. MORRIS N. PAGE (1978-1980)



REV. JOHN W. WHITE

(1981-1984)



REV. JULIAN R. MILLS, SR.

(1985-1988)

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